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## CONSULATE HOLD-UP

Paris, Nov. 7.—Five men armed with submachine guns broke into the Spanish Consulate General here this afternoon, tied and gagged office personnel and made off with 250,000 francs from the cashier's office.

Police reports said the men, believed by consulate employees to be Spanish, entered the consulate in downtown Paris shortly after noon and subdued four members of the staff who were working at the time.

They managed to tie the employees, rifle the cash box and escape after cutting the telephone wires, without attracting any attention of the guards on service or passing crowds on Boulevard Malesherbes.

In addition to the cash, the robbers also took two cheques of an un-revealed amount, the police said. Consulate officials confirmed that a robbery took place, but refused to reveal details.—United Press.

## EDITORIAL

### World Needs More Rice

ALTHOUGH the subject has not been given headlines, there is a growing certainty that the grave shortage of rice is certain to continue until after 1952 at the earliest, and possibly for many years. Hongkong cannot avoid being affected for it means that not only will allocations made by the International Emergency Food Council continue to be far below requirements, but that the Colony's "free market" rice may well become scarcer. The main factors against rapid recovery of lost paddy acreage are only too painfully obvious—internal disorder in many of the principal rice-growing countries and shortage of labour, fertilisers, cattle and equipment of all kind. Beyond this lies the basic social factor of land tenure. Apart from the fact that generally speaking holdings are extremely small, a serious deterrent to full development of acreage is the high percentage of land held on tenancy terms which leave the cultivator little hope of achieving more than the barest subsistence. As well as being crippled by debt these smallholders never succeed in acquiring enough capital, even with borrowing, to buy better seeds, fertilisers, implements and other requirements which might enable them to overcome handicaps. The provision of agricultural finance in Asiatic countries has always been difficult and much of it has to be obtained through unofficial loans and advances by money-lenders with a standard of interest which adds to the burden upon all enterprise. There is general acceptance now of the principle that governments should tackle the

evil of excessive interest charged on agricultural loans by developing government credit systems or encouraging the formation of co-operatives. Direct government action is desirable in the critical stage but as a long-term measure there is much to be said for credit institutions operating on fair commercial lines sustaining function. Whichever method is adopted experience has shown that close checks are required to prevent the provision of credit from becoming harmful to small farmers who have never previously had the experience of laying hands on money except on terms so harsh that they did not seek it unless as a result of dire necessity. Co-operative schemes have shown their value as instruments for the administration of funds supported by governments. The objective in all areas must be to ensure that the system of land tenure does not impose physical barriers to efficient farming, that tenants enjoy terms which permit them to extract more than a near-starvation level of existence from the land and that credit should be available at low rates of interest. Such a programme will involve governments in heavy capital expenditure for the provision of credit and will demand high qualities of both courage and skill for reforming land tenure systems. Many practices which hinder production are sanctified by tradition and have persisted for centuries. Efforts to change them will probably meet fierce opposition from farmers themselves as well as those who have interest in the retention of outworn customs.

## Indian Troops Launch Offensive In Kashmir

### TRIBESMEN OUTFLANKED

Srinagar, Kashmir, Nov. 7.—Indian army troops launched a dawn offensive supported by armour light artillery and fighter aircraft against a force of between 800 and 1,000 invading tribesmen dug in positions across the Baramula Road, five miles west of Srinagar.

Fighter aircraft machine-gunned and bombed defending tribesmen. A military spokesman said that 300 casualties on the raiders would be a conservative estimate.

The spokesman added that there was very close ground-air co-ordination in the attack. Indian troops heard screams from the tribesmen when a bayonet charge followed a heavy sally of them had retreated to shelter was fired on by machinegun bullets from Spitfires.

The spokesman declared: "We outflanked the raiders, fought them in a pocket and moved them down. The pursuit is on and we are beating them up wherever we find them." The latest reports said that the main column of Kashmir raiders were "moving back, groggy and disorganised."—Reuter.

### CHARITABLE CONCLUSIONS

London, Nov. 7.—The High Commissioner for India, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, told his first conference with representatives of the World Press in London today that the inescapable conclusions on the situation in Kashmir were that the passage of the invaders into Kashmir had the sanction or connivance of the Pakistan Government, or the latter had not the desire or the power to stop them.

These were also the most charitable conclusions, added Mr. Menon. The invaders could not have got into Kashmir except through Pakistan, and there were large formations of Pakistan troops in the various areas through which the raiders had gone.

The invaders were heavily armed with small arms, but the fact that they also had trench mortars, machineguns and even flame-throwers showed without the slightest doubt that there was a proper organisation behind them. It was an invasion.

Stressing that Kashmir's future must depend upon the will of the people of that state, Mr. Menon said the Government of India had persuaded Maharajah Sir Hari Singh to abide with that will both in regard to the internal organisation of the country and its relations with neighbouring states.

No British personnel had been used in Kashmir and they did not propose to use any.

### NOT MADE IN INDIA

Questioned as to where the flame-throwers came from, Mr. Menon replied: "They are not made in India. They may have come from army dumps. They came through Pakistan territory, but we are not prepared to say from which locality."

Asked if he could indicate whether any other power outside India and Pakistan was interested in getting arms into Kashmir, Mr. Menon said "No." They, he added, was not where the arms came from, but who brought them here.

Mr. Menon said the Indian Government had full confidence that so far as its own territories were concerned, the Dominion would settle down as a democratic state. No situation had so far arisen for reference to the United Nations, but Pandit Nehru had said that if the supervision of a plebiscite in Kashmir by the United Nations was desired, the Indian Government would welcome it. They had nothing to hide. All they wanted was to be "fair and square."

India was emerging from what by and large was a peaceful revolution, tremendous transition from age-long foreign rule. The overwhelming part of the Dominion was peaceful and the economic development, education and public health had not been retarded by recent events.

### FAMINE THREAT

They had been able to avoid what was called famine, but whether they would be able to avoid that in the future was in the lap of the gods or rested with the Government. They had to bridge a gap of between a million and a million and a half tons of grain, of which they were short. There seemed to be plenty of food elsewhere in the world, but India was not in the market to pay for it at any price.

Asked where the offers of aid at high prices came from, the High Commissioner declined to name the countries, explaining that the Governments concerned might not know anything about them if the offers came from people who had made a private career.

The British Government had always co-operated on food matters, though hard-pressed itself. India had also received great assistance from the Indonesian Republic and Australia.—Reuter.

## Sunshine Follows Fog

London, Nov. 7.—Thick fog paralyzed road, rail and air transport over most of England throughout the night and early today, disrupting schedules, increasing delays and hampering breakdown, repair and rescue workers at the scenes of yesterday's activities.

On the south coast, however, mild, sunny weather prevailed, and the luxury liner "Queen Elizabeth" docked at Southampton at dawn without any trouble. Delayed on his trans-Atlantic voyage by going to the assistance of a Portuguese schooner which sent out an SOS, the great ship was 12 hours behind schedule.

Later the good weather spread northwards and the London repair gangs working on the sites of the railroad accidents last night, in which five were killed and 28 injured, were able to speed their work. During the night they had worked by the light of flares and air lights, veiled in fog. But the lines were not cleared in time for the morning's rush hour and many thousands of people arrived late after travelling into the city by improvised routes.

As the sunshine filtered through the fog, long lines of cars, buses and trucks abandoned for the night, continued their journeys.

Over 2,000 ice-hockey fans spent the night at the great stadium in Wembley, stranded by the cancellation of bus services after a match last night. Dormitories were improvised and the buffets were kept open all night.—Reuter.

## Peace In Indo-China By Xmas, Prediction

### FRENCH RELY ON BAO DAI

Paris, Nov. 7.—Peace in battle-torn Indo-China by Christmas was predicted by French and foreign diplomatic officials in Paris today.

These sources said the Colonial war, which has lasted almost one year and which has required nearly 100,000 fully armed French troops spearheaded by tanks and parachute teams, would end in a truce "probably in December." The truce, according to these spokesmen, would come in an agreement between France and the former Annamite Emperor, Bao Dai.

The French have won military control of nearly every major city and communication route, military sources explained.

Fighting in the Far Eastern colony first flared up on December 17, 1946, with the ambush of the French garrison troops in Hanoi.

"Bao Dai has already 30 percent of the population behind him," a French Colonial Ministry spokesman said, "and we should be able to reach a successful agreement with him within six weeks or two months."

### HO'S PRESTIGE

However, the spokesman and other sources admitted that Ho Chi-minh, leader of the present Viet Nam government and its year-old rebellion against the French domination, still "enjoys enormous prestige. His Viet Minh Party will have to have a substantial representation in whatever Viet Nam government is finally established at the end of hostilities."

Ho and his Viet Minh Party are commonly regarded as being Communist.

Five major differences will have to be settled before peace in Indo-China will be possible, the French spokesmen said.

These differences were: 1. Will the three provinces of Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina be united under the jurisdiction of the Viet Nam government? 2. What political groups will be represented in the truce-making Vietnamese government? 3. Who will control Vietnam diplomacy and its army? 4. What will be France's future commercial and cultural position in Vietnam? 5. What will be the relation of Viet Nam to the still nebulous French Union postwar edition of the French Empire?

### MEDIATION FAILS

The former US Ambassador to France, William C. Bullitt, tried unsuccessfully to act as peace mediator between Indo-China and the French government in October.

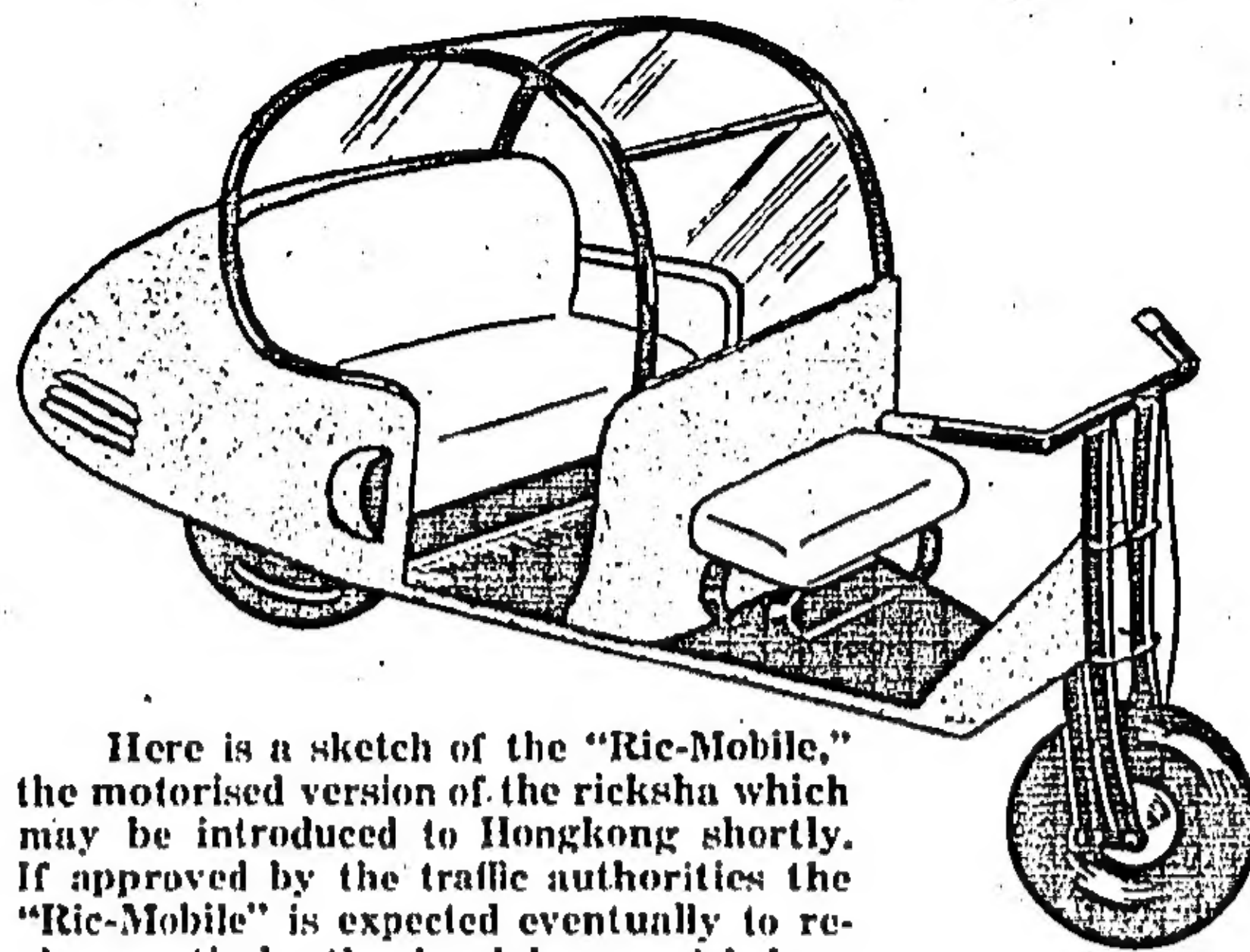
The American and British Counsils at Saigon also have been active as diplomatic intermediaries, these sources said.

The French High Commissioner in Indo-China, Emile Dollnert, and Bao Dai have been in constant contact through agents since Dollnert's speech on September 10 in which he outlined the French terms for ending the hostilities. Bao Dai is living in Hongkong.

Diplomatic sources in Paris said the French would agree to the Viet Nam demands for a Republic, composed of all three provinces having a national front government presided over by Bao Dai, and eventually its own diplomatic service, co-ordinated with that of France. France would insist on the control of the army and permanent military bases, these sources added, plus a predominant economic and cultural position in Viet Nam as the price of peace.

Informed French sources in Paris also said that Dollnert would exchange jobs with General Alphonse Juin, French Resident General in Morocco at the time of the truce.—United Press.

## May Be Seen In H.K. Soon



Here is a sketch of the "Ric-Mobile," the motorised version of the ricksha which may be introduced to Hongkong shortly. If approved by the traffic authorities the "Ric-Mobile" is expected eventually to replace entirely the hand-drawn rickshas.

## Interport Cricket Prospects

Well-Matched Teams

(By "VERITAS")

The wicket should be fairly fast, but full of runs when the first Interport cricket match for 11 years between Hongkong and Shanghai opens at the Club ground this morning.

It may begin to show signs of wear during Monday afternoon and may possibly become tricky on the third day should the game extend that far.

It has been noticeable that the Club's wickets tend to become dusty after one day's play and develop in favour of the bowlers.

If the Interport wicket behaves this way the winning of the toss is certain to have an important bearing on the game.

Both captains are quietly confident, and on paper the teams are well matched.

### COLONY'S SLIGHT EDGE

There is batting strength to spare, but Hongkong may have a slight edge on the visitors in attack, with Darwin, Howarth and Francis Zimmerman as the spearhead, supported by Minu, Owen-Hughes, Broadley and Pearce—all capable of taking wickets when they are needed.

Shanghai indulged in some middle-of-the-ground practice yesterday and in batting shaped impressively. Kermani, Stokes, Leach, Sinclair and Pat Madar showed complete confidence and a typical range of scoring strokes.

Ruffett's wicketkeeping was first-class.

If Shanghai bat first, Darwin and Co. will have a stiff task dismissing them cheaply.

It will be surprising if either side fail to bat through the first day, but when the wicket begins to wear and yield to spin, we may easily see one or two procreations.

I expect Hongkong to win, especially if newcomers like Darwin, Gosano, Broadley and Archie Zimmerman do not allow the importance of the occasion to overawe them.

## KILLED BY FALL FROM 12TH FLOOR

Atlanta, Nov. 7.—Mr. Charles Reid, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court and a member of the War Crimes Trials Commission in Nuremberg, fell to his death from his 12th-floor office here.

A colleague said that Mr. Reid had been in poor health for several months.

Judge Reid, aged 60, was Chief of Property Control Branch of the United States Office of the Military Government in Germany and served as Chairman of I.G. Farbenindustrie.—Reuter.

## No Romance Yet For Margaret

London, Nov. 7.—King George will not permit 17-year-old Princess Margaret Rose to be engaged or married for at least three years, Buckingham Palace sources said today, commenting on what they described as "inevitable" reports linking the Princess with eligible Europeans.

These rumours were expected by the Palace now that Princess Elizabeth is about to be married. They have cropped up intermittently since Princess Margaret was 14, although the King's views against early marriage by his daughters are well known in all informed quarters.

An authoritative source described as "particularly wild" reports published in the United States linking the young Princess with King Michael of Rumania.

"These have been around for years," he said, "and it is hard to understand why anyone would revive them."

Asked who would be eligible for Margaret, he said: "Anyone she falls in love with—you can be sure there will be no arranged marriage for her. In fact, it would surprise no one if she chose a commoner."

It was pointed out elsewhere that Princess Margaret was as popular with Britons as her elder sister and there would be no serious public resentment if she were matched with someone regarded as unsuitable—and Balkan Royalty is in that category at the moment.—United Press.

## AMARNATH'S CAPTAINCY CRITICISED BY "DULEEP"

(By K. S. Dulcesinghi, Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Sydney, Nov. 7.—Amarnath will be known in Australia not only for his batting, but also for continually changing his field to wherever the ball is hit. This policy is bound to upset the bowlers and sap confidence.

On a faster wicket and outfield than at Melbourne he deployed a closer field today, with the result that a large number of fours were conceded during New South Wales innings of 237 for four wickets. Not until after tea did he open out the field, thus reducing the scoring rate.

The Indian fielding was poor, with misfields, overthrow and poor returns. Hardly a ball was thrown straight and at the right height to the wicket-keeper or bowler. New South Wales took full advantage of this, scoring their 387 runs in five hours, in spite of a slow beginning and cautious batting towards the end.

Morris and Lukeman gave New South Wales a good start. Morris batted steadily at the start, scoring most of his runs behind the wicket and on the on-side in the early part of his innings, and hitting all round the wicket later. Although he has not got a free style with the bat following the ball, and seems to bend his elbows before his arms reach full length, towards the end of his innings he hit the ball with great force. Early on, he and Lukeman played back a good deal.

Morris was dropped when 80 behind the wicket.

No bowler really troubled the batsmen today, and Amarnath rightly relied mostly on his spin bowlers. If the field had not been placed too close many runs would have been saved.

On perfect wickets, India's prospects of doing well depend on the support to the bowling. India's fielding today was slack and lifeless. Amarnath has only two more matches before the first Test to remedy this defect.—Reuter.

### VICTORIA'S BIG SCORE

Adelaide, Nov. 7.—A fine innings by their captain, Lindsay Hassett, put Victoria in a sound position in their Sheffield Shield match against South Australia at the Oval here today, and at the close they had scored 300 for the loss of five wickets.

Hassett, who batted for three hours and hit nine fours in his 118, was concerned in two good partnerships before being caught by Bradman when attempting a big hit.

Mervyn Harvey, who scored 80, and Hassett added 51 in 75 minutes for the second wicket before Harvey was out to a Yorker when within sight of his century.

D. Fothergill, a 27-year-old allrounder, showed his skill with the bat and added runs quickly with his captain. At the close of play he was still undefeated with 69 to his credit.

Bradman tried six bowlers in his effort to obtain wickets, but the attack was lifeless.—Reuter.



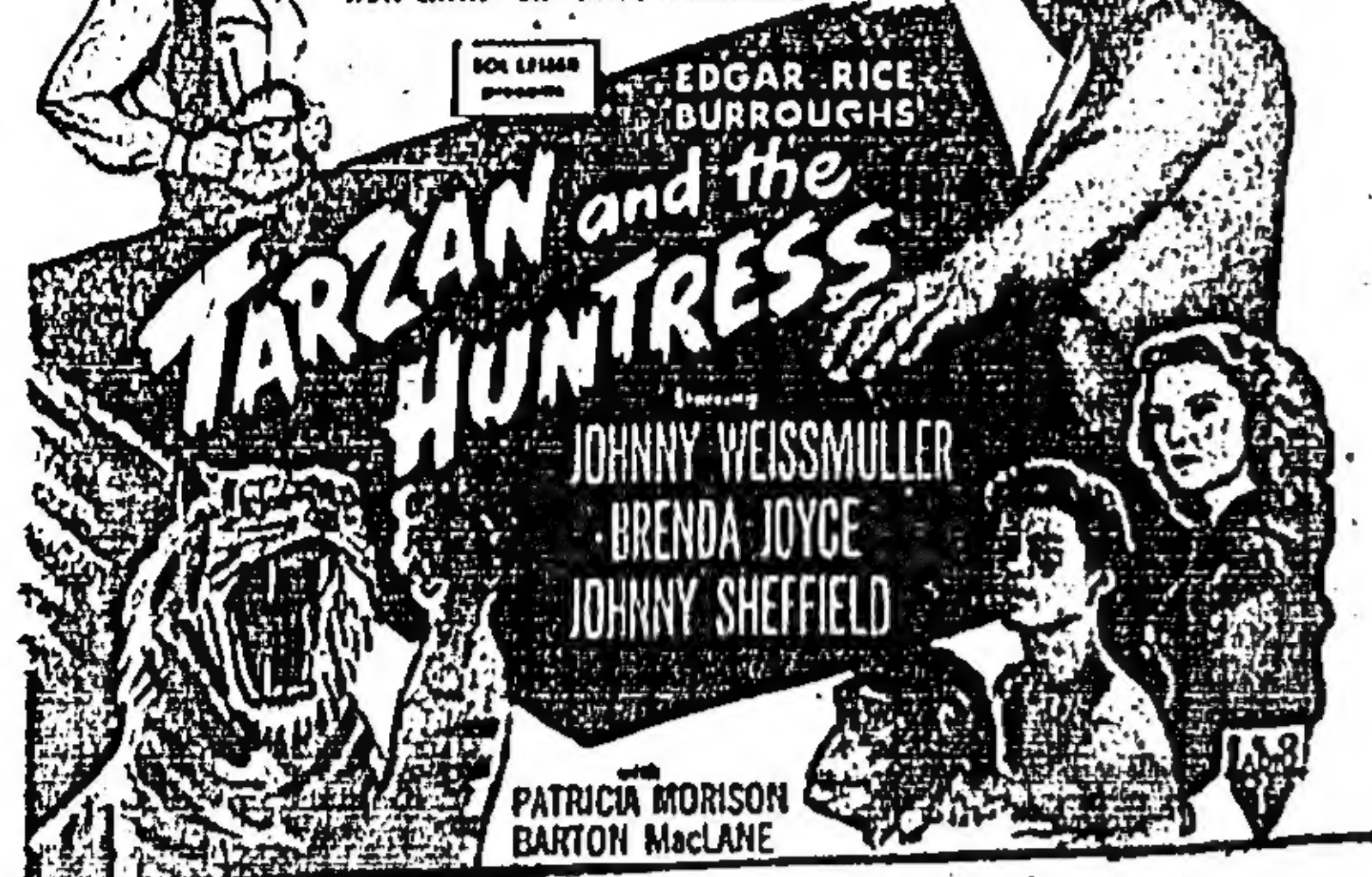
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## THEATRE Directory

QUEEN'S—Tarzan and the Huntress (Johnny Weissmuller, Brenda Joyce).  
KING'S—The Jolson Story (Larry Parks, Evelyn Keyes).  
LEE—Captain Caution (Victor Mature, Alan Ladd).  
CENTRAL—Suliste Squadron (Anton Walbrook, Sally Gray).  
ORIENTAL—Meet Me in St. Louis (Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien).  
CATHAY—Song of Scheherazade (Yvonne de Carlo, Jean Pierre Aumont).  
STAR—Brazil (Tito Guizar, Virginia Bruce).  
ALHAMBRA—Buck Privates Come Home (Bud Abbott, Lou Costello).  
MAJESTIC—Story of Dr. Wassell (Gary Cooper, Laraine Day).

## To Kiss or not to Kiss

CAN it be that those lengthy kissing bouts, so long a feature of the movies, are about to die out?

In "Joan of Lorraine," Ingrid Bergman will have no love scenes or embraces, although she will have 40 leading men!

The film will also have no close-ups.

MGM is releasing the film, a rare exception for one not made in its own studio.

Walter Wanger is producing it, with a budget of U.S.\$4,000,000, and Victor Fleming of "Gone With the Wind" fame, is the director.

Battle scenes are being made in the San Fernando Valley.

MGM never wanted Van Johnson to marry Mrs. Keenan Wynn, familiarly known as Eve, because Van was such a bobby-oxy idol.

However, they finally gave the pair their life and hoped for the best.

Now they're having trouble. It's been officially confirmed by Mrs. Eve Johnson that she is going to have a baby.

Van's going to affect his box-office rating adversely, silly as it may seem to you and me, who feel that a star has a right to his own private life.



## LONDON by NIGHT

Jean Simmons (18) jumps to £1000-a-week class

JEAN SIMMONS, at 18, may soon become the highest-paid girl in Great Britain.

Her present contract with the Rank organisation has been torn up and a new one is being negotiated. If she signs, Jean will have a salary not far short of £1,000 a week when she is working.

Her old salary was modest—agreed when she was practically unknown, only 18 months ago. She has been playing her big part of Ophelia in "Hamlet" for pay considerably below the money given to featured (as distinct from star) performers—which is £100 a day.

Her proposed new salary, I understand, will be between 15 and 20 times larger than the old one. Which is quite a nice raise.

One question being debated is the length of the new contract. The Rank people—who have already had pressing offers to "lend" her to Hollywood—would like to be sure of keeping Jean a long time. I don't blame them.

She, on the other hand, wants to keep an open door for a not too distant date. I don't blame her, either.

## PARIS MYSTERY

WITH this consolation for her postponed trip to Fiji—"The Blue Lagoon" will not be started until next year—Jean's next picture is to be a version of France's most fascinating legend.

If you have read Alexander Woolcott's White Horse Burns, you will know the story in its original form. A woman is taken ill in a Paris hotel during the 1900 exhibition; her daughter returns from the chemist to find, not only no trace of the invalid, but a denial by the hotel management that either of them had ever been there before.

It is a new version of this legend—Anthony Thorne's novel, So Long at the Fair—which is to be filmed, in Technicolor. In this case, it is a man who disappears; Jean Simmons will be the girl who searches for him.

## LIFE-RESTORERS

ARCHIE DE BEAR tells me he is planning a new London stage show on the old Co-Optimists lines. The famous original entertainment, of which he was one of the founders, began in 1921. That year

## Focus on fan mail

by Geoffrey Jaggard

DO you write fan letters to film stars? Or can you watch and admire them in contemplative silence? Do you itch to seize pen and paper when your idol appears in a new role? Does your pulse remain unstirred and your brow untroubled if the lady adopts an upswep hair style, and the male star a beard?

The fact that these things are important to a large section of the filmgoing public shows the strength of the personal significance of the Cinema.

The desire to discuss and read about public figures has found its fullest expression in the adulation of screen favourites. Few of the giants of other industries, of the arts, or even of the field of battle, have known the fierce light that beats upon film stars. They exert a far-reaching influence on the lives of their fellow-countrymen and women—an influence that extends to the speech, dress, tastes and daily conversation of thousands of people whom they will never meet but who, through a long association of ideas, have come to regard them as personal friends.

## A FEELER

What more natural, therefore, than that many filmgoers should write to the stars, saying how much they admire them; how interested they are in the parts they play?

It often goes further still. That first letter may have been just a "feeler," a semi-official intimation that the star may henceforth look upon the writer as a candid but enthusiastic

supporter. It may contain just a hint, maybe, that a brief personal acknowledgment of this interest would be welcomed.

Most fan letters, of course, are not winged with such ambitions. The thought may be there, but the form is usually a simple request for an autographed portrait. But cinema actors and actresses are extremely hardworking people. Obviously they cannot spare time to deal with a mass of correspondence. So the letters which cascade upon British film stars are read in the first place by the Fan Mail Department.

## SIMPLE REQUEST

When the letter is a simple request for information—"Can you tell me when this actress first appeared on the films?"—or when the author asks for a photograph, the letter is answered forthwith and the photograph sent. Fans know exactly what they want, and frequently stipulate the desired pose. Few are as ingenious as the schoolgirl who wrote:

"Please could you let me have a picture of Lacie the Dog—or if you haven't got one, Rosamund John would do."

Animal stars come in for their fair share of attention. Lacie is probably the favourite, but horses, monkeys and even fish have their devotees. The paw-mark of a cat named Bambie was once asked for—and supplied.

Information requests vary considerably. "Is John Mills related to Freddie Mills the boxer?" "Is Dennis Price the same Dennis Price whom the writer remembers as a young man in the Oxford Repertory Theatre?" "Was Chips Rafferty, of The Overlanders, a real cowboy before he took to the movies?" "Were those real cattle that fell over the cliff, or were they dummies?" (Answer, they were dummies; much concern is shown for the welfare of animals.)

## FRANKNESS

Record for frankness goes to the girl who wrote to Michael Rennie:—"If only you'd brush that awful curl out of the front of your hair, I'd love you even better!" for self-confidence, to the woman who asked John Mills to give her a car and caravan from which she could sell her knitted goods.

Close runner-up was a thirteen-year-old Yorkshire schoolboy, whose letter to Margaret Lockwood read:

"As you are my best and favourite film star I would like to speak to you for a few seconds. Please could you oblige by sending me your date of birth. I have never seen your studio before. If some time you would like to show me around, I would be more than pleased. I could come to London in the Easter or summer holidays, and you might get an hour off work to meet me in. If I could stop at your house for a day or two, it would be smashing."

## GALLANTRY

Proof of a sailor's reputation for gallantry came, addressed to the Fan Mail Department, from a very lovely A.B.:

"I happen to be in love with a film star. I saw her in a picture about two months ago and I have hardly been able to take my mind off her for a single minute. I'm only a sailor and I know I haven't a chance; so could you please advise me what to do? Anything so long as I can stop thinking about her?"

But hearts are seldom broken, and the alleged fickleness of sailors is equalled by some fans, who transfer their affections letter by letter; some, indeed, "collect" film stars as avidly as they once collected cigarette cards.

Frequently there comes a serious, constructive criticism of a picture, not unworthy of a film critic. Sometimes suggestions, ideas, thoughtful comment. A great deal is learnt from the film fans.



Larry Parks and Evelyn Keyes as they appear in "The Jolson Story," now showing at the King's Theatre. The film depicts the various stages in the professional and home life of Al Jolson, famous "Mammy" singer.

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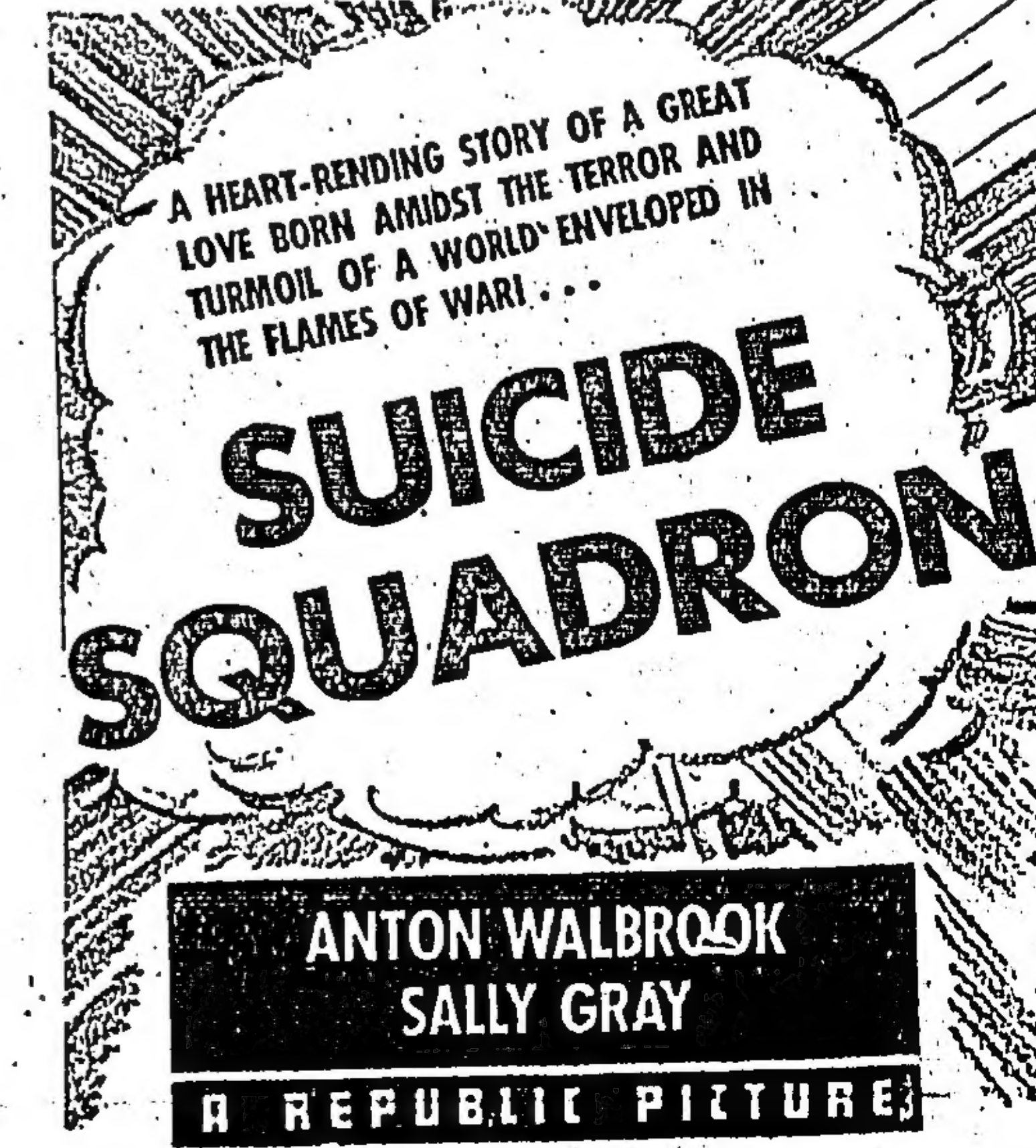


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# Thinking Aloud

by PAUL HOLT

THE Miracle of the Roses is arousing all the wrong passions.

Thousands throng to the Church of St. Mary, Heaton Norris, Stockport, where a chaplet of golden roses has bloomed on the brow of an orange wood Virgin unfading since May 4.

They chant and sing and pray, believing surely that they have been granted an evidence of God's grace.

Bishop of the Diocese, Dr H. V. Marshall, says it is a lot of fuss about nothing. What he means to say is that "a few flowers that have not faded" make too frail a weapon in the hands of the Church to whip on sinners to repentance.

Scientists, on the other hand, tumble over each other with explanations which are harder to understand and more mystical than a miracle itself. These learned men seemed scared by anything they cannot at once pigeon-hole.

The truth lies somewhere between the bishop's scorn and the physicists' fear.

The miracle of the roses is a breaking of the pattern of nature, a pause in the rhythm of growth and decay. It is a curiosity, a horticultural oddity if you like, but insignificant.

Still there is a miracle here, and it is man's continuing and everlasting capacity for wonder.

A small boy watching a chrysalis break.

The look that must have been in Turner's eye as he saw the dawn sun come busting around a mountain's shoulder.

The cadence in the mind of that old poet (anon.) who wrote "The Bailey Beneath the Bell Away."

A fisherman watching pencils of wind across a wan sea.

The miracle is the wonder in the mind of man and not the blooming roses at all.

## A tired star

ADVT: Young author wanted to collaborate with celebrity in another art field, too lazy complete novels alone, write box-sets. Sounds like hitching your wagon to a star that's tired of twinkling.

## That word 'obey'

SUFFRAGETTES: Those sweet old nannies of liberty, luck and fuss because Princess Elizabeth has to say "Obey." She has to say it because that is the law of the land. Parliament refused to pass the revised version of the Prayer-book, though private citizens may use it if they want to.

I should have thought, just the same, that it would be the man who would object to hearing his wife say "Obey." The word throws all the responsibility on to him and gives to his wife a perpetual alibi. It is true, certainly, that most women spend the best years of their lives looking for a man worthy of their obedience. And though they don't often find one, the applied wives are the wives who do.

## The catch in Leisure

LORD NUFFIELD has decided to go on working although he is now 70 years old, and the new Companies Act due to operate soon, would like him to retire. His shareholders expressly wish otherwise. Says he: "...work is still the natural mission of every great man. He is happiest when working hardest."

That is probably true, but it is not man's desire.

He has spent his working life under the threat of compulsory leisure (on the dole) to such a degree that now he seems determined to get leisure on his own terms and to his own liking. Just to show.

To win leisure is an admirable goal. I wonder, when they get it, will they trouble to learn what to do with it. That's the catch.

## For Communists:

THE British Communists say that the new Soviet-inspired Communist form has nothing whatever to do

with the deceased Comintern. Therefore they don't think they will join. But if that is so, then what is the point of the Cominform? It is like putting an advertisement in the papers announcing that you intend to correspond privately with a friend.

If you think they'll try to stop you, then the gesture has no more to it than a Scarlet Pimpernel braggadocio. If nobody wants to stop you, then the gesture makes no sense at all.

## A vote of confidence

THE film crisis is settling down. Information suggests that Hollywood is thinking of accepting the Cripps ultimatum, by which 75 per cent of their profits here are to be mulcted. Only £4,000,000 in dollars a year would then be in prospect from our market, instead of the £17,000,000 the boom war years taught them to expect. They can't have the dollars if we no longer possess them.

Instead, they can have our films free in return for letting us have theirs at 25 per cent of their value. The result of such an agreement should be that the American film bosses will go the limit in exploiting British pictures over there to their own advantage at the same time continuing the flow of their pictures to British cinemas in order to keep their stars and their standards of picture-making fresh in the minds of our audiences.

Thus the consumer in both markets will find some benefit in the new situation over the financier.

But do not gloat over the financier for that. His new role, assumed perhaps reluctantly, shows him up as the man who is betting on Britain's survival.

He finds it a good risk.

## Putting on weight

FAT people are not really jolly, says the New York Academy of Medicine. The reason they are fat is that they are "emotionally afraid of something."

Such as people thinking you are Falstaff when you try so hard to play Hamlet, or a Merry Wife of Windsor when your heart is bursting with Juliet?

When a limb has been crushed in an accident the first thing a surgeon needs to know is whether the blood vessels have been so badly damaged as to prevent circulation.

If they have, amputation is usually necessary. But if there is just a feeble circulation, perhaps too small to be felt as a pulse, the limb may be saved.

The surgeon can now get a certain answer within a few minutes by injecting a few drops of radio-active salt solution below the injury. As the atoms explode harmlessly in the blood stream, they give off rays which can be picked up by instruments held outside the body.

If the doctor detects signals from atoms exploding above the crushed tissues, he knows the blood is circulating.

And the surgical fight to save the limb can begin.

Radio-isotopes used this way are called tracers. Like tracer bullets to a machine-gunner, they allow the paths of atoms to be followed.

The possibilities of tracers are unlimited. Take, for example, the case of sugar diabetes. With radio-active sugar, scientists may be able to pin-point the real cause of this sea-sick incurable disease.

Perhaps the most promising field is the use of radio-isotopes in tracing the path of virulent germs in the deepest tissues of the body.

# 'These boundless possibilities'

was the phrase used by LORD MORAN

For external use, blotting paper soaked in a solution containing radio-phosphorus can be applied to skin cancers. High-speed fragments from it penetrate into the top layers of the skin, destroying the cells which cause the disease.

But radio-isotopes are much more than substitutes for radium. The treatment of growths by radium needles is often successful, but is a crude hit-and-miss method. The ideal system is to attack the disease at close quarters by getting the atoms to set free their healing fragments inside the damaged cells.

Radio-isotopes can do this. If a patient with malignant bone disease drinks a harmless solution of radio-phosphorus the powerful atoms quickly find their way to the stricken tissue. There some of the atoms explode with healing effect within the malignant cells. Other forms of "artificial radium" will follow. Radio-iodine, for instance, can cure certain types of goitre.

Scientists in America have made radio-active the germs of tuberculosis by feeding them with a solution of radio-phosphorus. Their path in the body can be followed by instruments as surely as radar follows the path of a plane in the sky. Facts bearing directly on the cure of this disease are expected from further research.

Until now British doctors, with full knowledge of the American results have had to stand by helplessly for lack of the materials.

Today the first trickle of radio-isotopes from the Didoct plant is in the hands of the doctors. For a few months every grain will go for research. But within a year a much bigger atomic furnace is scheduled to begin production of all the radio-isotopes Britain needs.

## DAB... AND FLOUNDER

by Walter



# IS IT PEACE? I THINK IT IS

WAR is not for tomorrow. That is my personal view.

For thousands of miles across Europe and the Middle East I sought for reasons to hope and found them.

Reasons to hope for peace, a shaky peace, an imperfect peace, but peace all the same.

Why? Because there is a balance of forces between the West and the Russians. An equilibrium between Anglo-Saxon superiority in war material and Russian superiority in human material.

It was Dr Higginbotham, president of the American "Atom Scientists," who bitterly gave me a final reason: "The average dead costs more and more."

The death of one soldier cost about five shillings at the time of Caesar, some £750 under Napoleon, £5,000 during the war of 1914-1918, and almost £12,000 during the last war.

Wilhelm Roepke, who was described to me as "The Anglo-Saxon's brain for Europe," one of the men who are "supposed to know," said to me in Geneva, which is today Europe's real clinic of hope: "I do not believe in a war."

I said to him: "Some say that freedom as we speak of it today means an American domination of the world." His answer was: "There might be worse. The Pax Britannica and the freedom of trade dominated the nineteenth century. It was not the hard hand of a conqueror, because a naval Power's predominance is easier to bear than a land Power's."

## TRIESTE

I went to the nearest danger spot—Trieste.

Here two worlds of contrary electricity rub each other.

Here the spark might fly one day, causing the discharge of the two most powerful condensers in the world, the Slav universe and the Anglo-Saxon one.

Assuredly Trieste has one of the highest voltages in the world. But Trieste is being internationalised. It becomes an insulator.

The Italians are denouncing Yugoslav militarism. They point to the "war preparations" being made in Yugoslavia.

A prominent Serb told me: "Politically, Yugoslavia considers itself the most advanced country of the East; and believes that, like Soviet Russia, it might some day become the victim of an aggressor."

"Therefore, all reconstruction work takes a double aspect: modernisation of the country neglected by its former masters and development of its naval resources—not necessarily for war, but to do the maximum to make the task of an aggressor as hard as possible."

## ITALY

In Italy the Dawn of the Dollar is over the land.

A m o n g Mediterranean Powers the U.S. wants to stand first. That is very evident.

It wants to transform Italy into an aircraft-carrier and a relay factory.

Italy is to become a complete member of the American industry.

General Motors and "Kaiser-Frazer" are investing. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America have collected 500,000 dollars to re-equip the Italian clothing factories.

Standard Oil and the Italian oil company "AGIP" are collaborating. The Italian cinema borrows American capital.

## by ANDRE LABARTHE

noted French scientist who was present at the Bikini atom bomb tests

One by one Italian firms are being penetrated by the strategic dollar. Facing the dollar, Communism has made striking progress in Italy.

Its chief Togliatti saw me. We had a long talk.

What is Togliatti doing about the dollar?

He is not an enemy of the dollar, he says. He is only determined to fight the "conditional dollar" which, according to him, threatens the political freedom of his country.

The dollar is against him. But he is not against the dollar.

I was received, alone, by the Pope

I remember looking into his face while I was describing for him the atom bomb explosion of Bikini.

"There are four ways of dying by the atomic bomb, Holy Father..."

"Let us hope that Divine Providence will spare us," he said.

"Who has the bomb?" he asks.

"Any great industrial Power after 1952, according to the estimates of the best experts. Thus Soviet Russia will have it too."

But today the atomic bomb is still on the Anglo-Saxon side.

So this is the formula of military equilibrium of our times.

Armed masses and an infinitely small atom immobilise each other.

As long as that equilibrium exists, war is not for tomorrow.

## GREECE

Between Rome and Istanbul I made a short stop in Athens.

Demetrios Maximos, then Prime Minister, said in his greeting to me: "The 300 million dollars of the Truman Plan... just a trifle. What we want is to involve the Americans deeply."

"Greece is a key position," one of the chiefs of the American military mission in Athens told me.

"If we leave it, Gibraltar would lose its value, the Near East would fall under Russian influence, Islam would be threatened, the Mediterranean lost."

"We want to protect our road of petrol..."

## TURKEY

Today Turkey has become America's doorkeeper.

The military power of the Turks is weak. Very weak. They maintain an army of almost a million men, poorly clad, poorly armed, but hope that the Marshall Plan will help to equip that army in a "modern way," with tanks and motorised vehicles.

The American credit would be used in the first place to develop a net of strategic highways leading towards the border to counterbalance the Russian advantage of well extended railways.

Then the Americans intend to equip and develop the Turkish ports of Alexandrette, of Mersin, of Alanya, and the magnificent harbour of Marmaris.

These bases will be protected by powerful aero-naval bases.

Today's major weapon is the air-weapon. As a counter-poise to the Russians the Anglo-Saxons still possess the most modern aircraft in the world, not to speak of their global superiority on the seas.

The conclusion is that the greatest sea and air Powers are balanced by the greatest land Power.

Peace is due to this equilibrium. The equality of forces of war gives quite as satisfactory an equation of peace as persusasion.

"Where is the most sensitive point of peace?" I put the question in London to an expert who follows all the international conferences.

"Over there, by the petrol point" ... and his red pencil drew a red circle between Caucasus and Arabia, at the end of the Persian Gulf. I went there.

Here the oil merchants of Great Britain and the U.S. draw from the earth fabulous wealth compared with which all the treasures of Baghdad look like junk.

# JESTS AND JEERS

Faith will never die as long as coloured seed catalogues are printed.

Those who insist that aviation is 100 percent safe forget the bus ride to the airport.

Women diet to retain their girlish figures—or their boyish husbands.

Broadway showgirl, confiding to a friend: "The rat said he was a millionaire. He was broke before I'd gone through seven hundred thou."

"You're like the horizon." "Why?" "You don't get any nearer."

Overheard on the ferry: "He wants to ask me something. I'm hoping for the best and preparing for the worst."

A Jewish merchant was dying, and nomma, his two daughters and three sons were at the bedside. Finally nomma bent over her departing spouse and sobbed: "Can you hear, poppa? We are all here— all your daughters and sons and old nomma, praying for you."

"Is Milton here?" whispered the dying man.

"Yes, poppa."

"Is Moe here?"

"Yes, poppa."

"Is Abe here?"

"Yes, poppa."

With a scream of anguish poppa sat up in bed. "Then who in hell's looking after the store?"

# FAMOUS PHILIPPINES SHRINE

Filipinos in the United States and Hawaii are being asked by Mrs Manuel Quizon, widow of the late Philippines President, to contribute to the repair of the famous church at Antipolo, Rizal province, which was smashed during the war.

Antipolo is the Philippines' most famous pilgrimage shrine. Its tiny black image of Our Lady of Voyages is one of the most historical articles in the islands. It made four round trips across the Pacific with the Acapulco galleons.

The Virgin will be brought to Manila for display on November 28 to 30 during the golden jubilee of the Archbishop of Manila, Mons. Michael J. O'Doherty, and the consecration at the Luneta waterfront park of the Legion of Mary.

Mrs Carmen de Ongsiako, widow of the islands' best known car, eye and nose specialist, started the fund drive with a 1000 peso contribution, with which was a letter saying that she prayed to the Virgin of Antipolo for her husband's release from the Japanese kempellai torture chambers at Fort Santiago in Manila.

"My request was granted and my husband lived to see the liberation," she said.—Associated Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Remember when we promised Dorothy some money if she'd start saving? Now she says we owe her \$50 for staying away from the beauty shop four weeks!"



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## WOMANSENSE FULL-PAGE FEATURE

## Anne Edwards HEARD

THAT the Princess's wedding dress is in ivory satin, her going-away a two-piece in mist blue...

THAT the Board of Trade was talking through its hat when it said "long dresses take more material." Wholesalers have already made the new styles from the same amount as last year's clothes (savings: shorter jacket, lighter sleeves, no pockets, smaller revers, no hems)...

THAT the long skirt controversy has reached Court circles. The Duchess of Kent is the first convert.

THAT because women went to church without hats a French milliner designed a hat and veil which turns into a bag. It will carry money and prayer-book maybe. It's good for deportment...

THAT the shoes you see here are



the favourite (most comfortable?) in Princess Elizabeth's wardrobe. In going through 250 photographs I counted 37 pictures of her in this pair.

THAT the psycho-writer Diana Morgan in her book, "My Sex Right or Wrong" (Methuen), presents the cure for a Love-sick Lady.

She found her peace in growing things.

In gay, and green, and blooming things.

In bringing decency and order To a damaged herbaceous border.

In watching sprouting things in frames.

In learning parts of Latin names.

And as she heard and sowed and weeded.

Her busy ghost passed by unheeded.



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## Royal Wedding Preview

what the Guests will wear

BRITISH designers will have a chance on November 20 to show the world what they are making. Many Royal wedding guests will be wearing clothes designed for the occasion by leading couturiers.

All agree that pastels are out, and black, neutrals and "royal" colours like purple, crimson and royal blue will be worn; all agree on the elegance of greater lengths; all agree it is an occasion for sable rather than white, restrained rather than rampaging fashion.

1—For the older woman Glenny makes this suit in pinky-beige duvelon, the slim six-panelled skirt—12in. from the ground—slashed for comfort at the hem. Armhole seams are dropped to give the rounder shoulderline, large emphasised by slight padding and duted cable-banded pockets matching the cable revers.

2—Suggested for a town wedding is the perennial two-piece by Michael Sperard—coat in black wool, draped dress in black velvet, worn with gardenias at the neckline. New feature to notice is the softly draped and curved neckline on one side of the coat, balanced by a draped sleeve on the opposite side.

3—Blanca Mosca embodies her ideas in this deep cerise dress in nylon. Worn over a stiff petticoat to stand away from the body, the skirt is 11in. from the ground in front, dips slightly at the back. The bodice is simple, narrow-shouldered, skirt "revers" caught by a belt. Choker necklace—a "must" of this designer—is worn at the double-collared neckline.

4—A redingote in beige face-cream cloth, smooth as satin, is designed by Charles Creed for the occasion, featuring the long swirling skirt outlined in braid. Interest is focused on the tremendous same-shaped collar, lined with sable.

PATRICIA LENNARD

## Tasty Dinner Suggestion

This suggested menu is easy to prepare and includes ingredients readily available.

- Mulligatawny soup.
- Savory beef rolls with jacket potatoes, pumpkin, brussels sprouts.
- Vanilla Ice Cream.

Mulligatawny Soup: Brown 6 sliced shallots and 1 sliced apple in 1 level teaspoon melted fat.

Stir in 1 level dessertspoon curry powder, 1 large grated potato, 1 grated carrot, ½ teaspoon sugar, 1 scant dessertspoon salt, and 1 quart stock (made from beef bones). Simmer ½ hour.

Put through strainer add 1 tablespoon blended flour, simmer 5 minutes.

Add 1 tablespoon fruit chutney and 1 teaspoon lemon juice just before serving.

Savory Beef Rolls: Trim one and a half pounds round or topside steak. Cut into slices ½ in thick, then into pieces about 4in. by 8in. Dust with salt and pepper.

Top with finely diced carrot, turnip, celery, and shallot. Roll up, tie with coarse thread.

Brown in hot fat (sufficient to barely cover bottom of pan). Add 1 to 1½ cups stock or water, cover and simmer 1½ to 2 hours.



## Training the tummy for fitness

By PRUNELLA STACK

THE muscles of the abdominal wall—or, in less technical language, the tummy muscles—are of great importance in building up both health and beauty in the body. These muscles have many and varied functions to perform. They bend the backbone. They turn the trunk. They help in expiration. Above all, their chief action is to flatten the tummy and thus keep the internal organs in position.

Now this is a point of considerable importance, because it is true that the abdominal organs of an abnormally high proportion of civilised women set in later years and become displaced, giving rise to much discomfort and, finally, even to illness. The sensation of undue tiredness and a feeling of being "tucked down" from which many women suffer, often has its origin in slack tummy muscles and a resulting lack of muscle tone and elasticity in the abdominal organs.

## Vital Organs

These vital organs are not encased in bone, as are the heart, lungs and liver. They depend largely for their protection on the efficient functioning of the tummy muscles which are designed to act as a natural corset and thus hold them in position and give them support.

When the muscles are correctly trained they perform this action automatically and also are an important factor in maintaining erect posture and a good carriage. Here is where attention to them is important for beauty as well as for health.

Every woman rightly desires a "flat tummy", and the instinct is sound; for to achieve this object means that one of the most important groups of muscles in the body must function efficiently and, in the case of the tummy muscles, this gives a special sensation of well-being to the whole physique.

## Natural Corset

It is most important that the muscles should be trained towards developing elasticity and resilience, rather than hard strength. Exercises must be graduated—starting with very simple movements, and only slowly progressing to more difficult ones—and when the muscles become better trained and strengthened.

Deep and regular breathing, both before and during abdominal exercises, is also important. The first natural reaction, when practising them, is to hold the breath and use the utmost energy and concentration in their performance. Such tension should be avoided—or mitigated as much as possible.

Many women despair of achieving a natural corset by training the tummy muscles and rely entirely on an artificial corset instead. This is a policy of defeatism—but if a heavy corset has been worn for many years it cannot be discarded at once. It can be left off while the first simple exercises are practised, and then gradually, as the muscles become stronger, be worn less frequently, and finally a lighter type of support can be substituted.

## Simple Exercises

Now here are some simple exercises to practise.

1. Lying in bed, on the side with the knees drawn up and one hand on the tummy, gently draw the tummy in and then relax it. Then,

as you draw it in, try to draw it diagonally up—towards the ribs at the back.

This movement can be repeated in a sitting and standing position—and, indeed, at any odd moments throughout the day.

2. Lying on the floor, knees bent, soles touching the floor, draw the knees slowly up on to the chest; stay there, drawing the tummy strongly in and pressing the small of the back into the floor; then lower the feet to touch the floor again (knees still bent as in starting position). Try to keep the whole spine touching the floor throughout the exercise.

3. Lie on the floor on your back with knees bent. At first get a friend to hold your feet down, or tuck them under a bed-rail or chair, so that they are supported. Lift the head off the floor, then slowly uncurl the whole spine until the forehead touches the knees. Repeat the movement the opposite way, starting your uncurling from the tail-bone, leaving the head to the last, until you are lying on the floor once more. Later, when you can do this with no sense of strain or tension, try it without your feet being held down.

## The Duchess of Montoro shows ROBB her top-favourite honeymoon dress...



NOT even seen by her husband until the moment she took it out of one of her four trunks to show to Robb, this Carmen evening frock (left) is the Duchess of Montoro's trousseau favourite.

In stiff white ribbed silk it has a tight bodice decorated with black Spanish lace. The black velvet bolero covers a straight-across neckline with two thin shoulder straps of black velvet. Stars of black braid edge the bolero, make a deep hem on the skirt.

Interviewed in her honeymoon suite at Claridge's, she wore a figure-8 frock (right) in navy blue wool. Fishbone pointers, 1. Grandee cuffs doubled back to show a tight cuff inside. 2. Softly

rolled lapels, and unpadded shoulders. 3. Envelope skirt folded to accentuate hip-line. 4. Choker of marble-sized pearls (real and beautifully matched).

Hemline note: This frock has the Little Below the Knee Hemline. But, says the duchess, "I'll have to lengthen it soon."

## THE SWISS KNOW HOW

THE Swiss make life very easy for themselves and their visitors. They have thousands of ideas and gadgets, commonplace to themselves, which can easily be copied or adapted. Such as—

Parcels in shops are neatly bound with adhesive paper and looped for easy carrying.

Tables, if round, have a detachable transparent plastic rim round the edge to keep the cloth taut; if square, clips at each side for the same purpose. And a small glass of water is always served with ice-cream because "You are often thirsty after eating it."

Cycling is made easy. Parallel to the kerb are grooves in the road for secure parking; hotels, stores and houses have rows of steel clips to hold bicycles.

Dresses are often sold with a small strip of self-material, for repairs.

Frams are small, well-built, and fold up for travelling. Many have a deep zipped bag for holding shopping or baby's things.

Portable sewing machines, typewriters and mid-set radios are common and plentiful.

Trains are excellent. Things that help on a journey: Coat-checks above every seat, built-in suitcases with flash-shutting covers, windows that slide up and down, or from side to side, at a touch—and are draught-proof.

Things I envied.—Switzerland's paperdresses, corduroys, shantings, pure silk and angora wool. Paris model hats selling at £2 to £3. Paris model frocks (about £20). Italian pure silks, crocodile bags (£10 to £20) from the Argentine, make-up, pretzels and raisins from America, chesnuts from Holland, telescopic umbrellas from Germany, tweeds, cashmere sweaters and china from Britain.

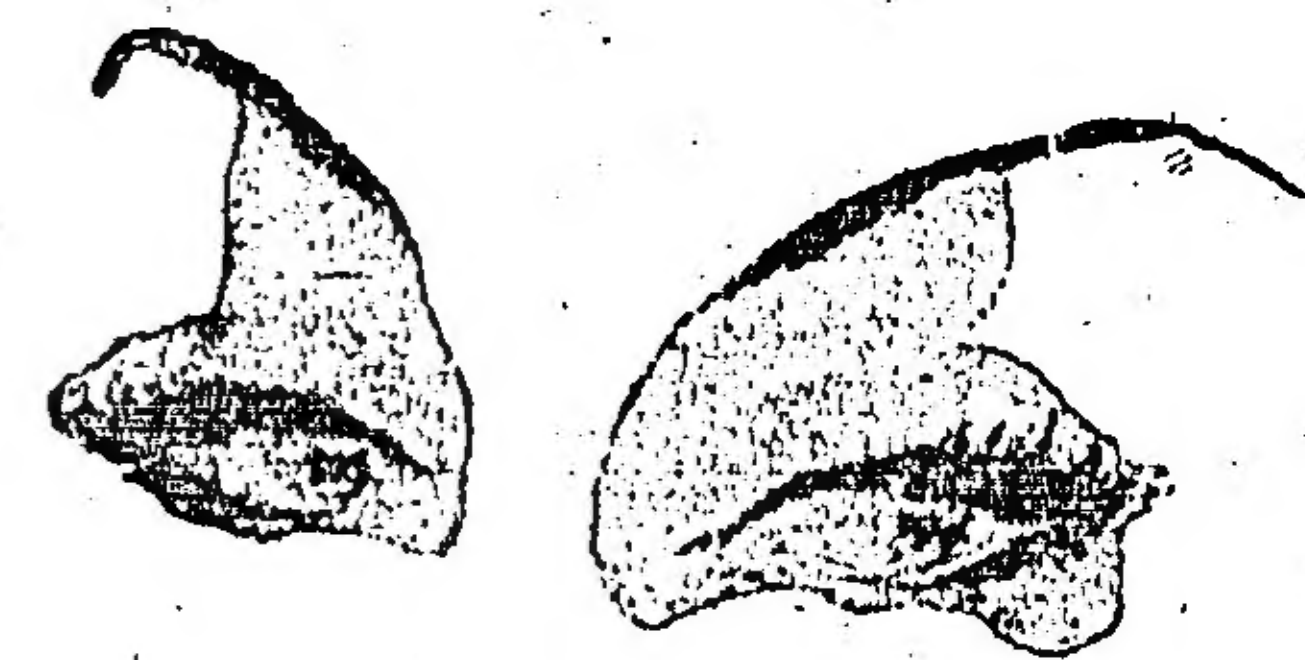
## Chokers Are Charming

CHOKER necklaces are fashionable again—for necks that are slim enough to wear them. They can also be made at home at low cost.

- Sew rows of beads on a strip of velvet ribbon six inches long and one inch deep. Keep the rows even and close together. Jet beads, pearls or crystals would be ideal for this wide choker. Sew narrow ribbon at each end to tie at the back of the neck.

- Fasten a brooch to the centre of a narrow piece of ribbon and tie this round your neck.

- Thread a long row of beads to make a double choker. Keep it fairly short so that it sits half-way between chin and base of neck. (If you can't get a clasp, tie the ends with ribbon.)



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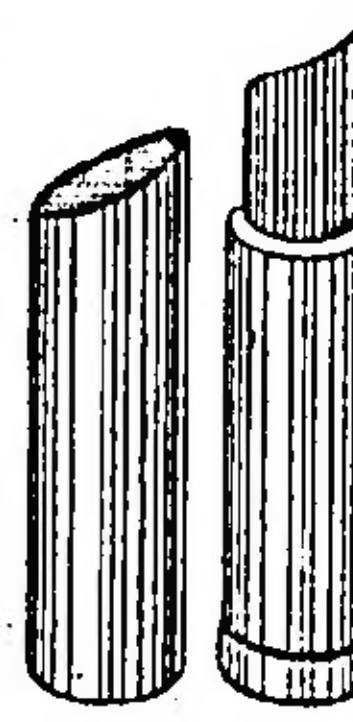
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## CHANGING BERLIN STREET NAMES

The denazification and demilitarisation of Berlin street names is proceeding. Braunauerstrasse, named after Hitler's birthplace, has been changed to Sonnenallee, the avenue

of the sun. Belle Alliance Platz, commemorating the Anglo-Prussian alliance against Napoleon, has been changed to Franz Nehring Platz.

One hundred and fifty of 2,000 streets in Berlin scheduled for change have been renamed so far. Guides to the city print both the old and the new names in order to avoid confusion.—Associated Press.

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Then it was I met my future wife at a friend's house. May was a London girl, and looking back through all the years she has waited for me on my home-coming from sea—waiting to give me all the love and encouragement a sailor could wish—I am glad it was a case of love at first sight.

We were married in London on June 28, 1913.

When war broke out in 1914 I was ready for service with the Navy.

The Cunard Line had always required their officers to serve for a time with the Royal Naval Reserve, and in 1910 I had received a commission as a sub-lieutenant in the R.N.R., and had done a year's training in a battle-cruiser.

In August 1914 I was first officer in the Caronia.

She was converted into an armed merchant cruiser and stationed off New York to prevent intercepting German liners from escaping.

## MAURETANIA Saved by swing

In 1915 I joined the old Mauretania, and we made four voyages to the Dardanelles carrying troops.

The only real danger we ran into was an attack by two torpedoes simultaneously. By swinging the ship to starboard the torpedoes passed harmlessly within a few feet of the stern.

Later the Mauretania was converted into a hospital ship, and we made three voyages carrying each time 2,000 sick and wounded back from Gallipoli.

Reports were current that she might be stopped and searched in an isolated part of the Mediterranean by a U-boat. We took great pains to see that, should a German officer board us, there would be nothing to give him offence.

In the wards we had a game called "The Road to Berlin"; you had to guide silver bullets through the open mouth of a cardboard Kaiser.

Solemnly we collected all these games and threw them overboard!

I was promoted Commander R.N.R. in March 1918 and given command of the destroyer Roebuck, patrolling and conveying merchantmen until the end of the war through the English Channel between Eddystone and Start Point, and Lyme Regis.

It was a tricky job, because submarines were active and laying minefields. Many ships we convoyed were sunk, but my luck held and the Roebuck got through.

In my early days in this destroyer we had no anti-submarine weapons beyond small bombs, which you threw by hand if you got close enough to a submarine.

## Two depth charges

Later we had two depth charges, with instructions to drop them only if we felt pretty sure we could do some good. Six months later we were supplied with them in unlimited quantity.

Towards the end of the war a listening apparatus was developed, but it was not of much use, because the thick traffic made it difficult to distinguish between the sound made by a U-boat and by the propellers of an ordinary ship.

As I wandered through those minefields, it occurred to me that since the plates of the Roebuck were only one-eighth of an inch thick, we would all be blown sky-high if we struck a mine.

For the first week or so whenever I lay down to sleep these ideas would enter my head, but I got used to it and soon never thought any more about it.

I often wonder if I have ever been perpetually near death.

## ON PLEASURE

Passengers splashed their money

IN March 1919 I returned to the Caronia as first officer of the Caronia.

Then, as chief officer in the Franconia, I made two world cruises, each lasting about five and a half months.

These were a rich man's hobby—only a top to £800 a head passage money alone and we carried nearly 400 passengers each cruise, mostly American. There were only about 50 British.

It was before the big financial crash in the United States, and never before of these cruises I seen money splashed about so plentifully.

Some of the Americans were making this pleasure jaunt for the third or fourth time.

The experience I gained on the Caronia, of comparatively little-known waters was to stand me in good stead on later and more vital occasions.

## Kaiser's pride

My initial acquaintance with Kaiser's pride came in 1927, when I was appointed staff captain of the 52,000-ton Berengaria, formerly the Kaiser's pride as the Imperator.

She was a fine ship of 23 knots.

In May 1931 I was appointed captain in the Caronia service. It had taken me 24 years to reach that post position. I was 47 years old.

I was given command of the Caronia, in the Canadian trade, and later the Asiatic trade, and gained the highest crew and gain of international fame.

No doubt many readers remember my "broad-square" rigging, a stocky figure as captain of the Caronia when she made 14 short pleasure cruises from London in the years just preceding this last war.

## WAR ALARM

Liner painted grey and blacked out

IN June 1939 I took command of the Franconia (29,000 tons) and was looking forward to another world cruise the following year.

But nearly three weeks before war was declared we took on board large quantities of sandbags and I was told to make certain our floating pleasure beach was well stocked with sand.

In New York, on August 27 I got word to darken ship. Two hundred painters were recruited from shore and the Franconia's white upper-works and black tipped red funnel were submerged under the coat of battle-ship grey that covered the entire ship.

The engine-room skylight and the steering gear were sandbagged, and all port-holes blacked out.

## Secret orders

We arrived at Boston on the day Britain declared war. We took on 330 passengers for Galway and Liverpool, but I was handed secret instructions to go to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

We were given a grand send-off from Boston, every ship in the harbour, three long blasts for "farewell and good luck." I said nothing until I was 40 miles off Halifax, when I altered course and made it known we were going in.

Naval officers came aboard and handed me a bag full of secret documents—signal books, zigzag diagrams, and codes. I was hoping to get an escort, but was told to carry on alone.

That very day we had received news of the sinking of the Athenia by a submarine, and this made the passengers highly nervous, a state of affairs that did not help me in my job.

We organised passenger boat drill and made preparations for abandoning ship if torpedoed. Large numbers of passengers were put into a U-boat and by the propellers of an ordinary ship.

I remember that the religious services were extremely well attended!

Instructions were received to head straight for Liverpool, and when we made the Irish coast on the evening of September 11 there was an outburst of joy, for everyone seemed to think that our troubles were over once land had been sighted.

I knew that was not so, for many submarines were lurking around that coast.

The day we landed I had 50 or 60 letters from passengers thanking me profusely for getting them across safely. Almost at once I had instructions to go out in convoy with two other liners to Port Said.

A six-inch gun was fitted, all luxury furnishings removed and on September 28 we sailed as a troop carrier with 2,000 men.

We reached the Mediterranean without incident, but there we had a misunderstanding with another liner in the convoy, with the result that the Franconia crashed into her at an angle of 45 degrees, damaging our stem, grinding our foremast to powder as the two ships swung together, and, incidentally, throwing me to the deck and breaking my collarbone.

That was the only "wound" I sustained—apart from my hair turning nearly white by 1945!

We returned to Britain, and on the way called at Marseille, where we had 700 Polish Armenians who had escaped to Malta in a small vessel. In April 1940 we were ordered to Norway.

Here I had the anxious task of leaving my escort and navigating the Franconia up the North Fjord unaccompanied.

We were to land a dock labour battalion at Harstad, while in the fjord, but the operation was a wash-out, because the battalion were—only about 21 hours ashore when they returned to the ship.

The German advance had been too rapid.

## EXPLOSIONS

Two torpedoes that missed us

ON the trip back to the Clyde we narrowly escaped damage off the north Scottish coast. There were two heavy underwater explo-

sions, probably torpedoes which exploded after missing us.

I was again thrown to the deck, this time without breaking any bones.

I took the Franconia to Iceland to start up the Allied base. We had an infantry battalion and 22 nurses aboard and 500 tons of stores.

She was the first big ship to call there during the war.

Norway again, for the evacuation of our Forces, and then after exactly two hours at home—I was recalled from Cheltenham by telegram—we sailed for Brest, in company with the Lancastria, for the withdrawal of the B.E.F. from France.

## Bombs 30ft. away

At the last moment we were ordered to enter Guernsey Bay and, while negotiating the netted gateway without proper charts, three bombs came whistling down and struck the water 30 feet away from me on the bridge.

The ship shuddered as though hit by a giant hammer, and the engines stopped.

The chief engineer rushed up covered with soot and sweat, and he reported that the engine room seemed wrecked and was full of steam and water.

# Holiday on Tito's new railway

SARAJEVO, ancient capital of Bosnia, is a strange mixture of east and west, of the old and the new.

I listened to the Imam—the priest—calling Sarajevo Moslems to prayer from the balcony of a gleaming white minaret.

Before his mournful song had ceased to echo round the rooftops, another chant broke on the air.

Tito! Tito! went its refrain, bringing the impact of the new world on the ancient Moslem scene.

I watched the singers, a detachment of "anti-Fascist Bosnian Youth," marching with picks and shovels, preceded by huge red banners displaying the Communist hammer and sickle and the Yugoslav Soviet star.

"They were marching back to their huts after a day's volunteer labour on the 170-mile Youth Railway which will break the 1,000 years isolation of Sarajevo and link it up with Semac on the main Zagreb-Belgrade-Sofia line to the north. The youth of Yugoslavia is building this new iron highway with the aid of student volunteers from many nations.

## 200 British

TODAY there are 60,000 young people working on the new railway, the second to be constructed by this means.

Ten percent are foreign volunteers, most, of course, but not all, Communists.

They started work on April 1 and plan to complete the railway by November. More than one-third of the line is now finished.

At Semlin, where the longest tunnel was completed recently, there was a British brigade which at one time numbered 200.

Foreign brigades work three weeks, with all found, and wind up with ten days free holiday at white-walled Dubrovnik, on the Adriatic.

The British brigade is quartered close to those from Scandinavian countries—and to the Greek brigade, some of whose members have been alleged to take part in very different activities on the Greek frontier—an allegation which it is impossible to prove or disprove. But one allegation, made in reactionary newspapers outside

## G. E. R. GEDYE

Central European Correspondent for several British newspapers, who has just visited Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia, which has caused great indignation there can, I think, be definitely written off as baseless.

That is that there is an "International Brigade" of guerrillas being trained which partakes in guerrilla fighting on the Yugoslav and Atlantic borders of Greece.

That story seems to have been built up on the basis of the "International Brigades" which, including British, are shouldering their spades, but not rifles, to build this Youth Railway.

It is evident that the bronzed, physically-fit youths I saw today doing heavy railway construction work, thoroughly enjoy their life.

There are abundant facilities for recreation, study and "cultural activities," the latter, of course, of a strongly Communist type.

## The heroes

GIGANTIC portraits of Tito, Stalin, Molotov and other revered figures of the Communist hierarchy, executed in every conceivable medium, from coloured pebbles upwards, strike the keynote and dominate every camp.

Yugoslav students are all expected to volunteer en masse for two months' labour.

To refuse would obviously be unwise in a land where every single youthful mind is being rightly moulded to uniform devotion and hatreds.

The first result of such a refusal would be expulsion from the Union of Students, carrying in its train exclusion from taking any university degree, and thus barring the student from his chosen career.

But impartial and informed observers assure me that even the small percentage which may come unwillingly, have no complaints to make once they reach the well-run camps, where life much resembles that in a Territorial camp in England.

Volunteers of the British brigade were sent out by two different organisations—the British-Yugoslav Society, whose volunteers were practically all Communists, or near-Communists, and the National Union of Students.

The latter's volunteers included quite a number of stout Tories as well as Labour Party students in search of nothing more sinister than an inexpensive, active and healthy holiday.

## Six months

I HEARD of one group of British Socialist students who found the massing of exclusively Communist banners and portraits in their huts slightly oppressive.

So they put up some Union Jacks and photographs of Mr Attlee. After some hesitation as to possible Communist reactions, they added some of Mr Bevin.

The experiment proved bloodless and entirely successful.

Work on last year's Youth Railway is calculated to have saved Yugoslavia considerable sums; the original credit for it was £1,000,000 instead of £3,000,000 which it was estimated construction by paid labour would cost.

The 62,000 volunteers—including foreign brigades—constructed a 60-mile line linking up Breko with the Banovici coalfields, in six months.

This was the maximum permissible since, like the Sarajevo-Semac railway, it passes through mountain country in which all work is impossible in winter.

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

MAKING a violent attack on M. C. Suet, Esq., Mrs Bugloss, of the Board of Interim Reorganisation, said:

"The Suet Plan for Scheduling is merely Overall Scheduling under another name, with the old regional councils reappearing as local boards. I will ask Mr Suet one question: How does he propose to re-integrate personnel without adopting the overall system?"

Suet's reply, given in an interview, was: "Mrs Bugloss is confusing her terms. Under the overall system personnel is dealt with by the control council. Under my system, the local boards would be self-contained. There would therefore be no question of overlapping."

## 'Tibetan Moonflower' (XVIII.)

DINGI-POOS clapped her hands. An old foolman in a pointed straw hat brought in another bottle of lush-brandy. Mince's speech was growing thick. Eggham's eyes were looking seven ways to Sunday. Their heartless hostess watched them as a starving don watched a brace of rabbits. Presently she pointed a table at her side. "Shall we get a tressome signing over?" she asked. "Jolly old signing!" said Mince, jerking his head forward vigorously. "Signature" tune," said Eggham, with a foolish giggle. Dingi-Poos held out the pen. "Wa-one little kiss first, eh?" said Mince. "Business before pleasure," replied Dingi-Poos. "Pleasures all mine," said Eggham, trying to catch hold. "Better see what it says," he added. Dingi-Poos frowned, and withdrew the document. "You don't trust me," she said. "Kisses before pleasure," said Mince, ogling the lady. "Oh, it's sign all this rubbish," said Eggham, and took the pen.

## Snibbo

HEAR—what Dawn Kedgess, star of "Scalded Heart," says of Snibbo. "I wouldn't touch the stuff with a barge-pole. I am so beautiful that I don't need any of your foul chemicals on my face." And just when Snibbo Ltd. was about to go to law, the sales manager reported that this new method of advertising had trebled the sales in two weeks. Every woman wants to see if she can be more beautiful without it than with it.

## Nothing doing

HORSE-FACED Lady Cabstnleigh, who is drinking nothing but champagne (for her figure, of course), found on her hall-table the other day a little poem from an impecunious admirer who had recently taken her out to dine, and tried to head her off the wine-list by having a jug of water placed before her.

Britannia's largest bulldozer. Proves once again, I think, You can take a horse to the water, But you cannot make it drink.

## TO RECAPTURE LOST SKILL

Britain has opened its first national college of horology in an effort to regain pre-eminence in an art which the country lost a century ago to Switzerland, Germany and America.

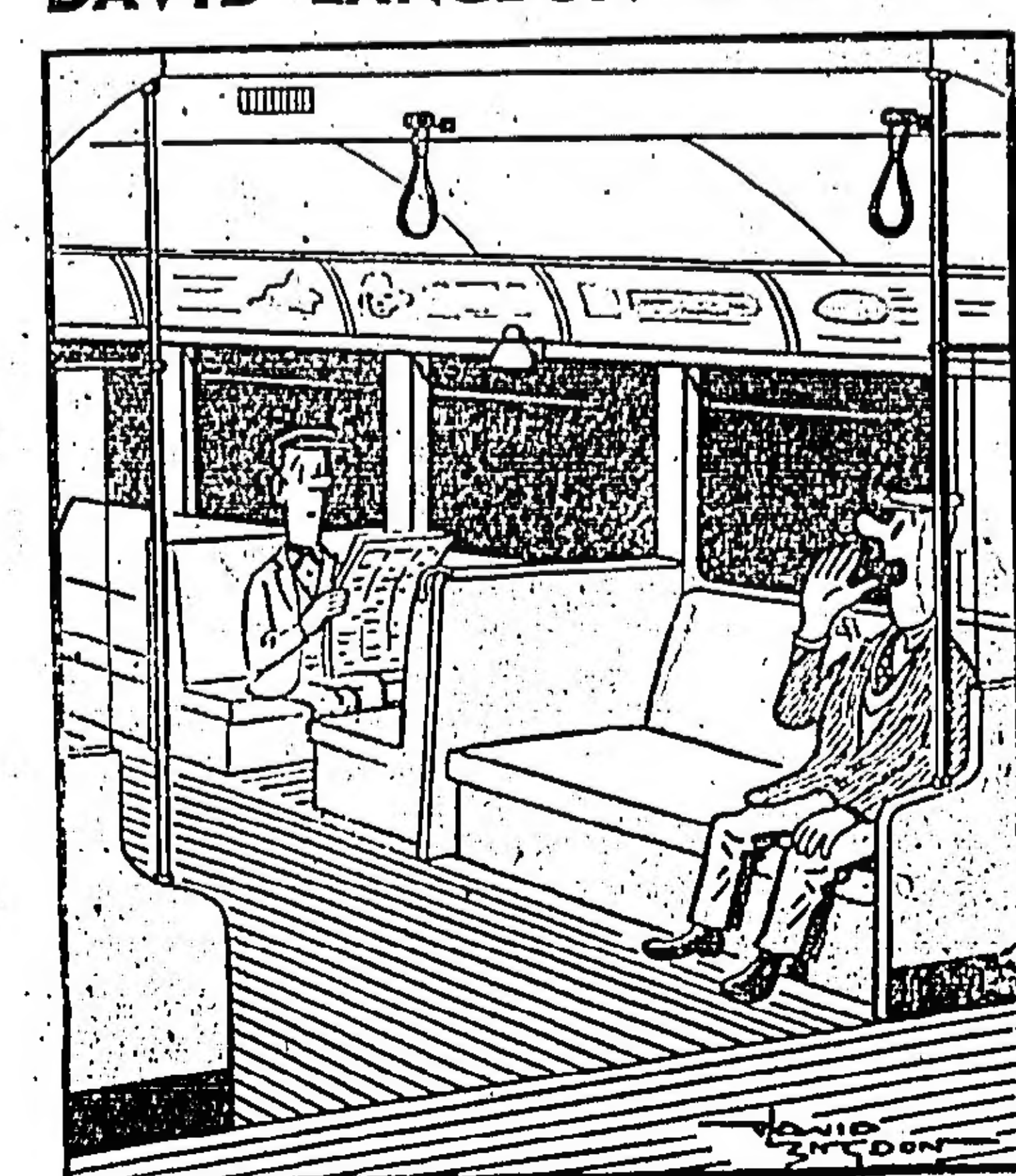
The school of horology—the art of making clocks and watches—will train executives and designers in a three-year preliminary course, a two-year advanced class and a post-graduate course designed to put British clockmaking back into the export trade.

"We are starting from scratch in competition with many old-established colleges in Switzerland and elsewhere," a Ministry of Education official said. "We have the most up-to-date equipment, much of it Swiss made."

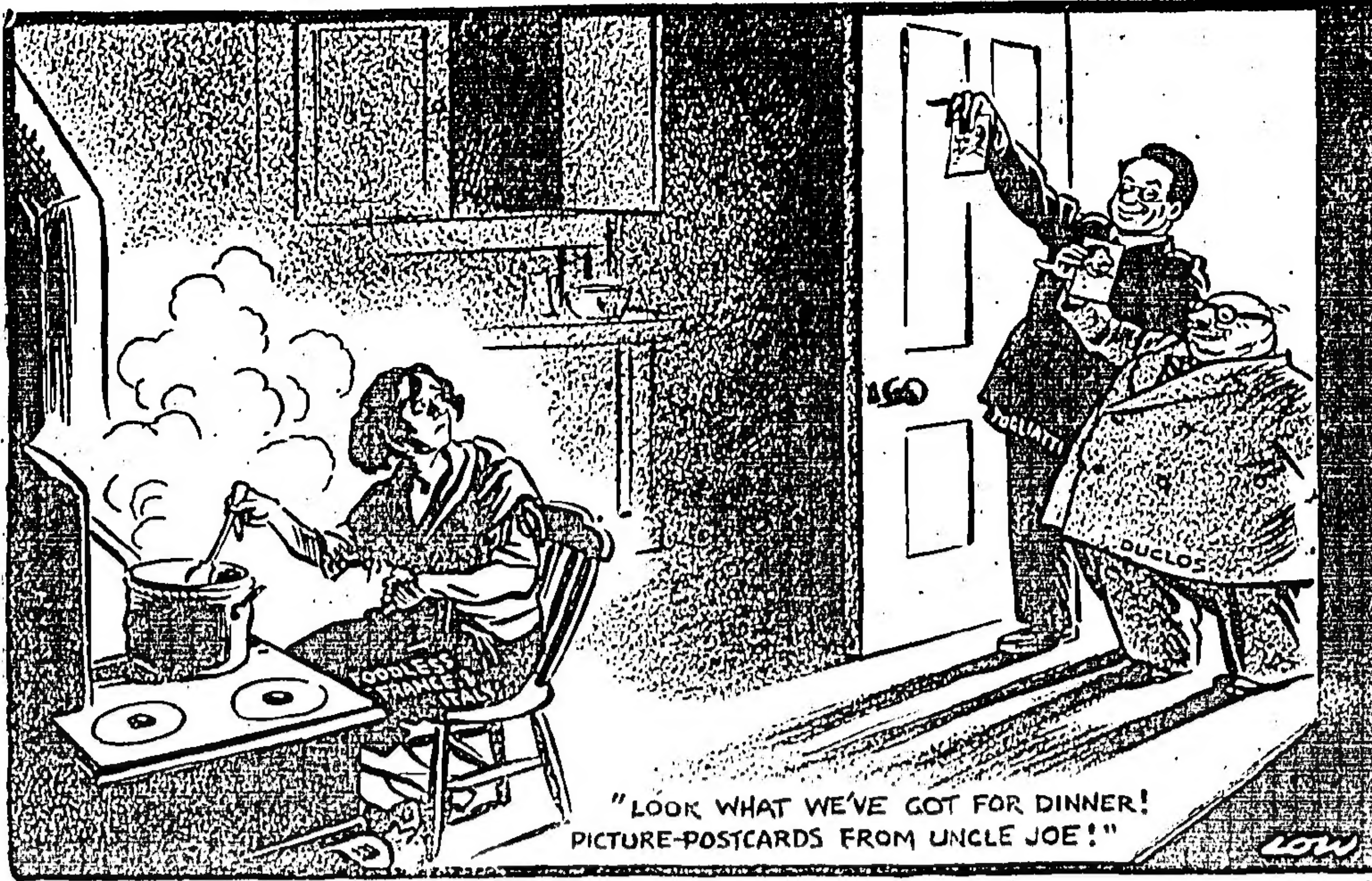
## NEXT WEEK

The Greatest Job of My Life

## DAVID LANGDON CARTOON







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## Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP this week centres on ROME

THE new Battle of Italy is on. In Rome the present Government has been fighting hard and has just defeated a Communist vote of no confidence.

In London, a commission of the Big Four is now meeting to agree who is to have control of Italy's former colonies. It has a year to do it in.

Both events are important to this Battle of Italy which has now opened in earnest between the Russians and the Americans.

The Russians want to win Italy for Communism and make her one of their satellite States. The Americans want to prevent this and keep Italy a member of the Western World. In the American view the Battle of Italy is a crucial element in the cold war of propaganda, politics, and economics openly launched against them by Mr Vyshinsky at Lake Success.

The American argument goes like this: (1) If the Communists succeed in establishing a pro-Soviet Government in Italy, and (2) if the Russians manage in the Commission to capture Tripoli and Cyrenaica either for themselves or a satellite Italy—then all those millions of dollars the United States are now spending in Turkey and Greece will have been wasted. Soviet domination of Italy and the North African shore opposite Italy would cut the Mediterranean in two, give Russia the political and strategic command of the Eastern Mediterranean, and outflank America's newly established oil empire in the Middle East.

I DO not suppose the fidgety professor with the goatee beard who was going to Capri, or Mr Mordente, the fish restaurant proprietor from Dundee, who, with his wife and daughter, was visiting his native Sicily, or any other of my fellow travellers in the B.E.A. plane to Italy thought there was anything ominous about the outward appearance of Rome. Nor did I.

No Communist processions or demonstrations of strikers, no angry knots of political debaters greeted me in the streets. "Festival of the Grape," said the banner across the pleasure garden. On the cafe terrace, the ice-cream eater and aperitif drinkers were exchanging the latest sports news and black market tips. An electric light sign, such as we have not seen in Britain for the last eight years, flickered from the top of the building opposite, spelling out advertisements, bits of news, and an occasional anti-Communist slogan. But no one looked up.

Not even when I went to the Assembly, where they were debating the no-confidence motion, did I find any excitement. Signor Torni, the Minister of Industry, was droning away page after page of a long piece on Italy's need for foreign credits.

### Growing poverty

THE crisis and the battle are present, however, despite Rome's apparent apathy.

The cost of living has shot up by 20 percent during the past six months. Wages have not kept pace. Unemployment is on the increase. The official figure shows it at 1,000,000. The Italian Government has told the Americans that by the

"I flew out there because the new Battle of Italy from now on begins to get tough"



NENNI: Yesterday's blade was not sharp enough.

end of November its foreign exchange and dollar resources will be exhausted. It has asked for immediate emergency aid for the next year of 1,000,000,000 dollars. The experts, after allowing for the usual Mediterranean bargaining, agree that Italy's minimum needs are 400,000,000 dollars, if she is to import the American grain she needs to make up for her bad harvest, and the American coal she needs to make up for the absent imports from Britain.

### Enter Nenni

THE Communists, who came a poor third in the last election, are doing all they can to exploit the situation.

They have organised strikes in the industrial North. They brought out the rice farmers in a lightning strike just before the harvest was due. They are at this moment organising strikes by labourers and small farmers on the property of big landowners, and settling them in "squatted" houses. They have been organising office-workers and civil servants—much the worst paid section of the Italian community—to demand increased salaries.

The talking horse behind which the Communists plan to steal their way into the Government is 56-year-old Pietro Nenni, respected leader of Italy's Socialist Party.

I frequently met him during the Spanish civil war, first in the trenches of the University City during the arduous days of the siege of Madrid, later as a kind of political commissar, official historian and war reporter with the Italian Garibaldi battalion.

Sometimes we would meet at the Staff H.Q. behind the front where he was living and working, sometimes in the censorship office where he would be sending off despatches to the Italian Socialist newspaper in Paris.

Nenni seemed a mild, shrinking little man as he beamed through his thick-lensed spectacles. He seemed to be without any very strong judgment of his own, only too willing to follow the line of the Communist leadership. Of all the Italians there I thought him the least likely to set the fiber on fire. How wrong I was.

For today Pietro Nenni, with the record of his anti-Fascist exile, of his fighting during the Spanish war, his imprisonment by the Germans, and the gift of a magnificent voice and picturesque diction, is the most popular speaker in Italy.

Main danger now is that the Communists, disappointed by the defeat of their plan to get into the Government through a no-confidence vote, will try to get tough. They may want to convince the Government by a series of strikes—perhaps even a railway strike—that it has no authority over workers without them.

One thing is certain: the American fear of a possible Communist triumph by constitutional or unconstitutional means—will be costly to the U.S. Treasury. Now—and as long as they want to keep Italy on their side—Washington will have to pay up.

For dollars are the only weapon which the Americans have against the forces of Communist-organised labour.

### Manipulation

THE Italians fully appreciate the situation. They are exploiting it with all the skill and acumen of Machiavelli and Cavour.

Not only are they extracting dollars from the Americans—they have already had 2,520,000,000—but they are getting America's support in such diplomatic issues as the return of the Italian colonies and the Italian warships.

The Italians know how to make their case sound reasonable. Count Brusca, the present Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told me Italy wants the colonies back so as to resettle the 200,000 Italians who had been driven from there and whom otherwise Italy would have to indemnify.

He specifically stated to me that Italy would be prepared to grant Britain or the United States (or both) whatever military, naval, and air bases they required to safeguard their Mediterranean interests.

AS I flew back to London I thought it all over again—and one thing seemed clear:—The winner of the new Battle of Italy will not be Soviet Russia. It will not be the United States. The winner will be Italy.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS....by DR. PAUL WEIS

DURING the International Law Conference organised by the Grotius Society in London, the Secretary of the International Law Association, which is allied to the Grotius Society, announced his regret that the Association, which has branches in nearly every country, had no branch in the Soviet Union; he expressed the hope that it might soon be able to create one there, and trusted that his words would receive wide-spread publicity.

IN view of the present world situation, it may seem strange that such a suggestion should be made. It may even convey the impression that the Conference took place in an atmosphere of unreality and that the participants were not conscious of the hard realities of the political situation. But this was not the case. They were fully aware of prevailing international difficulties and saw the clouds gathering on the international horizon. Part of the Conference was devoted to the question of ascertaining how far International Law affects the behaviour of countries. The speaker gave examples from history where International Law had been violated by great powers without international action having been taken to implement International Law.

Many such violations had, in fact, been tolerated or even subsequently agreed. In 1870, Tsarist Russia flagrantly violated the Black Sea Convention, the following year this was accepted by the Great Powers at the London Conference, although a protest was raised against the breach of treaty obligations. In 1909, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, in violation of International Law, annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, without meeting resistance. Although, as the speaker emphasised, the di-

litude of the country is generally determined by the rules of international law, such violations are not precluded. The speaker closed his address with the remark, that as long as the present situation prevails and great powers with fundamentally different ideologies confront each other, no change in this state of affairs can be expected.

How can such scepticism, such a realistic outlook in the judgment of the political balance of power, be reconciled with the above-mentioned call for expansion of an organization, the task of which is to study and perfect international law? This certainly cannot be called political naivety. It is more than ever necessary today, when sharp contrasts exist in great political questions, and when they clash in the official international organisations at which all countries are represented, that co-operation should be sought in private international organisations, which do not stand in the limelight of the public, and on questions which do not come within the focus of these political differences. Unity must be achieved despite differences of opinion. When, however, as is the case today, certain States, especially the Soviet Union, are not represented in international organisations, it is difficult to achieve unity even though it is possible. In order to achieve unity, the opposing points of view must be understood and the representatives of the various ideologies must get to know each other. Personal contact is here indispensable.

AT the close of the Conference, the President of the Grotius Society, Sir Cecil Hurst, former Vice-President of the Hague International Court of Justice, urged all those participating in the Conference concerned with international law, especially to direct their work and their efforts to two international problems—the codification of international law and an international bill of human rights.

## LABOUR LOSSES NO SURPRISE

By "Candidus"

THE result of the municipal elections at Home, when the opponents of the present Government gained over six hundred seats, could not have occasioned very great surprise. To many, it must have been a foregone conclusion.

The people of the British Isles have, not only during the war, but ever since its close, suffered truly untold hardships, and at the moment see little in the future to cheer them. While it must be admitted that the war left England impoverished, with a problem of the greatest magnitude for any Government to face, public opinion cannot be ignored, and today public opinion is certainly not satisfied with the manner in which the country's affairs have been managed.

Last winter was practically a fuelless one, and the coming winter holds out the same prospect. The people are still underfed, in spite of the claims of Government. What is more damning is that the freedom of the subject is being threatened. The recent decree which ordains that subjects may be allotted to any industry according to the dictates of Government is in itself bad. The ban against the use of motor vehicles for private use is bad, and these and other forms of legislation are naturally not only unpopular, but bitterly resented.

The great principles, as laid down in Magna Charta, of which the British nation has boasted since the twelfth century, might easily be ignored under present conditions. The Charter ensured that all persons should be free to come and go. There is not much freedom when a man is compelled to undertake a form of work for which he has no particular liking. However, the sound common-sense of people of all classes cannot be overlooked, and the masses may be relied upon to express opinion—as they appear to have done in the recent elections.

I IMAGINE that few people in England had any sympathy for the Labour Member, Mr. Konni Zilliacus, when he told the House of Commons that Government was joining an Anglo-American bloc to threaten war with Russia. Stuff and nonsense! If Britain cannot choose her own friends according to her ideals, who is to choose for her? Mr. Konni Zilliacus?

RUSSIA is apparently playing a deep game, aimed at complete political dominance of other nations. On Thursday Molotov, addressing a special meeting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, among other extremely brilliant utterances said: "This is an age when all roads led to Communism." It can only be assumed that Mr. Molotov was referring to all roads in the world, and his admission is surely frank. It would seem that he knows that many great countries are fully aware of Russia's hopes and intentions, and have, on their part, no intention whatever of allowing Russian policies to undermine their own ideals.

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### NEW FLEET BUILDING

By the end of next year Britain's shipyards will have launched the major portion of one of the biggest fleets of cargo-passenger liners yet built.

Now building in Britain are nearly 100 of these liners, all between 10,000—15,000 tons and with speeds of 15 knots. They represent a new trend in British shipping, which was started before the war and is now being continued. It is recognized that the day of the tramp steamer is over. Its place

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## SPORTS FEATURES

## BUSY WEEKEND OF FOOTBALL

## Interport &amp; Remembrance Day Matches

(BY "SEE TEE")

This weekend and on into Wednesday of next week is one of the busiest periods of the season for local soccer players. Today there is a full programme of First and Second Division matches, tomorrow is the Interport match with the Malayan Chinese, on Monday, there is the grand Remembrance Day match, The United Services versus the Rest of the Colony and on Wednesday the Malayan Chinese meet the Sing Tao team which toured England.

All roads will lead to the Club Interport game between Hongkong and the Malayan Chinese. A very strong Hongkong team has been chosen, which, although it contains only one service player, is about the best the Colony can field.

It is a great pleasure to see B. Gossie chosen for the left back berth, a position he has filled with great gusto. Yet it is not so many months since Gossie was regarded as a good wingman and one capable of cutting in and scoring a goal. He did great things for the Saints against Kitchener, for the Sing Tao touring team against Shanghai last Monday, but the manner in which he held the Kwong Wah forward line on Sunday at Causeway Bay would have been a revelation to many, particularly the Sing Tao defenders who found these enthusiastic Kwong Wah youngsters very shadowy.

The Hongkong defence is very well chosen. Goalkeeper Yu Yutak, and right back Hui Yung-sang have played together with Gossie in the Sing Tao touring side; there should be good understanding among this trio. I was interested to watch for changes in Hui Yung-sang's play after his visit to Britain. Two points I have noticed are his covering up behind his wing half but with one eye always on his centre half, and his readiness to use his left foot under pressure. There is still a tendency to overdo the hard drive upfield, but that will disappear. Hui is clearly the best right full back in local football and will continue to be for a long while. The Sing Tao touring team again provides the wing halves for the Hongkong team. Lau Chung-sang, easily the best and cleanest full back in local football, is an automatic choice for right half. Several people were disappointed with Chau Man-chi's display against Shanghai on Monday; he is being played more on past showings than on more recent performances.

## REDMAN RETURNS

Forrow's name was preferred for the pivot position mainly because of the type of centre forward the Malayans are expected to field. He is in tip-top form just now.

It was on this British Tenth, last year, that Redman last played in representative football; then he led the Services' attack against the Rest of the Colony. Shortly afterwards he was badly injured playing at centre forward for 1/5 Commando against Sing Tao on the Club Ground and was out of football almost for the remainder of the season. He has scored a lot of goals this season, and set in a forward line with two such good inside men as Lai Shui-wing and Kierman, of the Inniskillings, he may get several chances against the Malayans.

What a splendid goal was scored by the Shanghai inside right, N.Z. Lee, against Sing Tao at the Club ground on Monday! Lee's goal was indeed a bright spot in a dull game and the large crowd rose to him spontaneously. Lee ran to take up a good forward pass just near the half way line. He set his course almost in direct line for the near Sing Tao goalpost and bore down on it at top speed with Hui Yung-sang trying to dispossess him. As the goalkeeper advanced a pace or two to narrow the angle Lee fired the perfect angled drive for goal. The ball entered the goal about five feet from the ground and about a foot inside the far upright.

## ONE-FOOTED PLAYERS

Lee was one of the Shanghai players with a shot in both feet. There are far too few two-footed footballers in the local game. It can be said of most of our best players that they have one good foot and one "swinger." In many matches recently I have watched forwards trying to work the ball round

on to their shooting boot; some times it is almost painful to see them working the ball round in a small circle. The same is true of several of the full backs and halves who are quite incapable of kicking the ball clear of danger with their dud foot. The best way of overcoming this very natural ineptitude is to attend for ball practice wearing a football boot on the weak foot and a soft, rubbered sole boot or shoe on the other. The half-mark of the class footballer is that he can kick well with either foot. No player would hold his own in any English league club who had one good foot and one swinger.

## THE RISE OF KWONG WAH

Many spectators were surprised at the speed and enthusiasm of the Kwong Wah team which beat Sing Tao on Thursday evening. Kwong Wah have the makings of a fine side. Most of their players were sadly handicapped by lack of weight in their game with Sing Tao, but their speed and ball control fully atoned for this. Only a tendency to get over-excited near goal robbed their forwards of many more scoring chances in recent games. Fresh instances of handling the ball when almost through to goal were the end of many a good attack. The lively young Saints' forwards suffer from the same extensibility near goal.

The reluctance of the Sing Tao forwards to shoot at goal in the early part of their game with Kwong Wah was truly remarkable. One good shot only came from Sing Tao during the whole of the first half play. Just before the interval Fung King-chung fired a hard, rising drive towards the top right hand corner of the Kwong Wah goal. By that time the Kwong Wah goal-keeper had got the feel of the ball, and not his "eye in" and was ready for almost anything. Shots were rained on his target in the last quarter of an hour but it was too late then.

The Kwong Wah defence had cemented itself into a concrete wall and not even a spot kick could break it down.

Sing Tao need a forward who will shoot at goal. It is useless to pass the ball out to the wings when the attack has reached the edge of the penalty area. It is the business of the wingmen to feed the inside men at that stage of an attack, not to have the ball sent out for them to send it straight back again. Twenty yards from goal the direct road is the best road and the most direct road is a good sign at the target.

## BUFFS ENTER LEAGUE

The Buffs will be playing their first match in Division I today when they face Sing Tao on the Club Ground.

The Buffs were originally in the League but had to withdraw when they were warned of their move to Singapore.

This move has now been cancelled and the Buffs are taking over the fixtures of their old rivals, the Devons, against whom they drew 1-1 in a friendly game three weeks ago. Eight members of last year's team are still with the Battalion.

The Buffs only came to the Colony last January and they were there for one year in last year's League; however, they did play many friendly matches in which they more than held their own.

To-day's team contains seven of last season's players, the eighth, McGillivray, being in hospital with a groin injury.

Cpl. Jensen who played for the United Services vs. Shanghai Chinese last week will be at outside right and it is hoped that Pte Elliot, who was also chosen for the match but was unable to play owing to injury, will be fit.

Major Majendie, the captain, who has played for Oxford University and the Corinthian Casuals will be at centre half.



The forwards scramble for the ball during last Saturday's rugby match between the Club and Navy.—Ming Yuen.

## Softball Chatter By "Spectator"

## Home Runs Were Two A Cent On Sunday

Last Sabbath was a day of Home Runs. No less than nine homers were smashed out in three games played of a four-match schedule. It was an all-time high mark in local slugging history.

On the other hand, pitching was at a down-to-the-cellar low. Slow motions action was the order of the day, with "I am waiting to be hit" deliveries simply asked for severe punishment—and they got it! A feat—perhaps it'd better be called an incident—was achieved by the home team, the Wahos, who slammed three luthian clouts in a row.

## SLAMMING SPREE

The Rovers started off with a bang, lively Alvaro Xavier hitting a home run in the first half of the first stanza. However, they managed to tally only once more in the rest of the game. Two tallies came in the fourth. And the marauding Filipinos went haywire on a slugging spree against soft pitching. Winning pitcher Joey Franco did well to keep a steady pace. Claiming honours for the circuit clouts were Ignar Erlksen, Charlie Thompson and Albert Smirke. Charlie was the longest holt, it missed clearing the last part by a mere bounce of the ball. Averages show that Fernando Dista is a slinger of no mean ability. He registered a triple and single. Others also good for a 500 percentage were the same Charlie Thompson and Pedro Aranco. Rovers' three other safeties against the Jivers' 11 were hit out by F. Hyndman, C. Cosho and C. Cruz.

Big Boss Ino Castro can be glad of the fine slugging in his happy-go-lucky days. And, they are, look they can go places! But, you've got to keep pegging, boys, for there's lots of real tough opposition coming up yet—from whom? Well, you'd know. The Merry Madcaps had their way most of the time and to judge their form against Doc Molten's H. K. Ball Clubbers is no guide to their actual strength. But the winners did show they are a really trying and united crowd of boys.

## DEFENCE WEAKNESS

If you took a peek at the score card, you couldn't help noticing that nine runs were scored against the victors. From that, it can be readily gathered that the Madcap defence is poor. Then there was the slow-motion pitching by all the pitchers. When such a good number of runs could be scored by both teams, it can well be imagined how sloppy play was—and indeed it was!

Robbie Rocha and Rene Sequencia, both of the Madcap gang, smashed out a four-run spree. That weak pitching is more noticeable this season is said to be due to the fact that nine men are used for each team against ten utilised last year, and support is less tight. However, it is recollected that in pre-war days it was nine-men teams and generally speaking there were not any such big scores. How's that? I gather that our current players have not really got into harness again. Time will show improvement—I hope!

For its interest in the see-saw struggle, the Madcap Aces-Wahos engagement was the best game seen in last Sunday's programme. Both squads slammed it out from the start, with the winners tallying five against three by Madcap in the final four-over game. Here cyclonic Hilda Soares glittered with a slinging daisy cutter to cut through Madcap right flank defence, like butter to

score a "popular" homer. Fighting, high-strung Madcaps hung on tenaciously though trailing 8-10 at the end of the sixth frame. At the sixth canto they fought hard for a come-back. However, they managed only to reduce the Wahos lead to two runs. The Wahos were also tough—in fact, tougher. They went into the attack again at the first of the last, tallying three runs to put the game on ice. And indeed it was the end for the Madcaps as they were blotted out in the last of the last.

## PROMISING YOUNGSTER

Home runs were clouted, apart from Hilda Soares' "beauty," by Big Chief Wahoo Terry Noronha and express Irene Castilho. Vivacious Celeste Gutierrez came into the limelight again with a smashing two-bagger, which was also claimed by Irene Castilho.

In the fielding department, Madcaps' star key-stone, Alex Montaner brought off two double plays unassisted, while Irene Castilho and Sweet-as-apple-cider Alda Castro of the victorious Wahos combined for one double killing.

Mention is made of the eye-opening performance of the promising young, little Edith Xavier, left fielder of the Wahos. Not only did this rookie show the right temperament as a player—she was in there playing all the time, instead of taking time off for "quavelling." She brought off two flies neatly like a real, old-timer. Some call her a fielding veteran. Some call her a bigger girl, some call her a bigger girl, some call her a bigger girl, some call her a bigger girl.

## TOMORROW'S GAMES

Five closely contested encounters in a full programme are anticipated for tomorrow.

At 9.30 a.m. the much weakened Rovers meet Bill Wood's strongly reinforced Canadians who, by the strength of players reported, are certain to be enough to win the four of the nine-team League when it ends.

Hard-hitting, walking off-ends, the encyclopedia Robbie Robbins has joined the Canuck ranks and should be a help, while versatile members of the liquidated Giant team, Billy Barker and A. K. (Junior) Nazarin, should bolster Captain Wooll's power. Snobball slasher, a class by himself, is Herbie Kaba and he remains in the side, Kaba Nazarin, George White, Luke Bunn, Dr. G. C. Lee, Tarzan Ismail and a couple of coming up youngsters are also in and the Canadians do look a hot combination. Rovers are not expected to extend the "Woomen."

At 11.15 a.m. a "local battle" will be staged between Merry Madcaps and Tony Gonsalves' Rambling Rees. Although stronger, the Rees will lead the Madcaps giving battle all the way. The inclusion of Billy Soares, Leo Tavaras and Chuck Quinn has noticeably strengthened the Rees side.

At 1 p.m. V. R. C. tangle with St. Joseph's. The former should prove a meat for the Saints. While losing to the Rees last Sunday the Collegians remain a strong squad and a pennant aspirant. An upset is not expected here.

At 4 p.m. a good game between two teams whose strength is about even should be seen. Although playing a couple of innings in their last outing the Hillmen from Caroline displayed form up to standard and against H. K. Ball Club tomorrow they are expected to win.

In the only women encounter at 2.30 p.m. Madcap Bees make their first appearance against Wildcats. The more experienced Wildcat clan should elch this against the keen, but rookie Bees.

## SPORTS DIARY

## TODAY

Football—Div. 1  
Caroline Hill.—S. China v Eastern, 4.30 p.m.  
Navy.—Kitchener v. RAF, 4.30 p.m.  
Club.—Club v. 25th RA, 3 p.m.  
Police.—Police v. Royal Navy, 3 p.m.

Sookunpoo.—Innis v. St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.  
Club.—Sing Tao v. Buffs, 4.30 p.m.  
Police.—K. Motor Bus v. Athletic, 4.30 p.m.

Second Division "A"  
Navy.—Navy v. Kitchener, 3 p.m.  
Sookunpoo.—Police v. St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.

Second Division "B"  
Caroline Hill.—Club v. Chinese, 4.30 p.m.  
Cadre, 3 p.m.

Cricket  
HKCC.—Interport, Hongkong v. Shanghai, 11 a.m.

Racing  
Happy Valley.—Tenth Extra Meeting, 3 p.m.

Tennis  
CRC.—Hardcourt Championships, 4 p.m.

Lawn Bowls  
KDRC.—Kowloon Dock v. Shanghai Interport team, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

Football

Club.—Representative match: Malayan Chinese v. Hongkong, 4.30 p.m.

Second Division "A"  
Caroline Hill.—Eastern v. S. China, 3 p.m.

Happy Valley.—Dockyard v. H.K.R.F., 3 p.m.

Happy Valley.—RAOC v. Talkoo, 4.30 p.m.

Police.—WD Chinese v. K. Motor Bus, 4.30 p.m.

Second Division "B"  
Caroline Hill.—S. China v. Electric, 4.30 p.m.

Police.—Athletic v. Sing Tao, 3 p.m.

Sookunpoo.—RAMC v. RA, 4.30 p.m.

Sookunpoo.—Signals v. REME, 3 p.m.

Lawn Bowls  
KDRC.—Interport, Shanghai v. Hongkong, 3.30 p.m.

Tennis  
CRC.—Hardcourt Championships.

Softball  
CBA.—King's Park.—Rovers v. Canadians, 9.30 a.m.; Madcaps v. Rees, 11.15 a.m.; VRC v. St. Joseph's, 1 p.m.; Madcap Bees v. Wildcats, 2.30 p.m.; S. China Athletics v. HK Baseball Club, 4 p.m.

## Rugby Rules Re-written—By A Realist

Who would have expected so austere a body as the Rugby Union to engage two contributors to Punch as interpreters, in breezy English, of the laws of the game?

That this has come to pass is a moving sign. Moreover, the Rugby Union offers the result for sale at 1s. 6d. under the title Why the Whistle Went. Or will send parcels of 25 copies to any club for 25s.

Let clubs accept with alacrity; for scarcely any player who is a friend of mine ever sat down and solemnly studied the laws.

Now at last H. F. Ellis, a realist, has taken the trouble to make the laws colloquial, and Fougasse has touched off every point.

Discussing off-side, Mr. Ellis says that, like Greek, it is quite easy once you understand it. For instance in the rules of the game as played at Cheltenham College in 1869, it was dealt with in a sentence: Rule VIII. No off-side play allowed.

Now, copying less sweepingly with minor exceptions of that same rule, he allows us to ask: "Suppose the black full-back catches the ball and then does absolutely nothing... doesn't kick and doesn't run... what happens?"

Two things, he explains. The Whites wait until their own full-back comes toiling up to put them on-side, and the Black full-back gets dropped from the team next week.

They grew up.

Did you never wonder why, since the ball may not be handled in the scrum, it is legitimate for forwards to shove the opposition over the line, fall down, put a hand on the ball, and claim a try?

Answer is that a scrumage can only take place in the field of play. Once the forwards have surged over the line they no longer form a scrum. Did you know that?

"The rules of the game," writes Mr. Ellis, "were not drawn out of a hat. They grew up gradually as the game went along, but the one thing they still don't tell you after 125 years is how the game is played. If 30 Tibetans were to come upon the Laws dropped by some passing airplane, they would find no mention of the object of the game, nor where anyone ought to stand."

"When they came to Law 13, a ray of hope might strike them, for a match is started by a kick-off, after which any player who is on-side may, at any time kick, pick up or run with the ball, or tackle an opponent holding the ball, except as provided for in Laws 15 and 16."

"But they would turn to Law 15 and Himalayan darkness would engulf them."

## ST LEGER IS BIG RACE TODAY

## 10th Extra Meeting

(BY "THE TURF")

The Hongkong St Leger is the feature event for today's Tenth Extra race meeting at the Happy Valley. On what promises to be a fast course, a keen race is expected to develop between Shannon, Sookunpots and Norse Queen.

First bell will be rung at 2.30 and the opening race will start at 3 o'clock.

## Shok-O Handicap (1st Section)

The first race is a sprint event over half a mile and 170 yards, confined to "B" Class ponies. The field is so well balanced that punters may have a tricky time in spotting the winner. The probable starters are: Fifth Alarm (138 lbs), Jeep Lee (150 lbs), Lucy Strike (147 lbs), Peggy (147 lbs), Spanish Onion (137 lbs), Thunderbolt (148 lbs), V-J Day (156 lbs) and Wodonga (149 lbs).

On past form I expect to see Jeep Lee win, with Lucky Strike and Fifth Alarm occupying the minor places. Nevertheless, I advise racegoers to treat Spanish Onion as a good outsider. This pony is being lightly treated for weight.

## Big Wave Bay Handicap (1st Section)

This race is confined to "C" Class ponies over the mile and 170 yards. I fancy Crown Witness (150 lbs) to win, with National Congress (150 lbs) and Golden Dragon (150 lbs) trailing behind. Arabian Moon (147 lbs) is dangerous especially in view of his last outing. The polished runners are Burmaster (155 lbs), Lightning (161 lbs), Peacock (136 lbs), Shanghai Beauty (154 lbs) and Tootsie (135 lbs).

## Island Bay Handicap (1st Section)

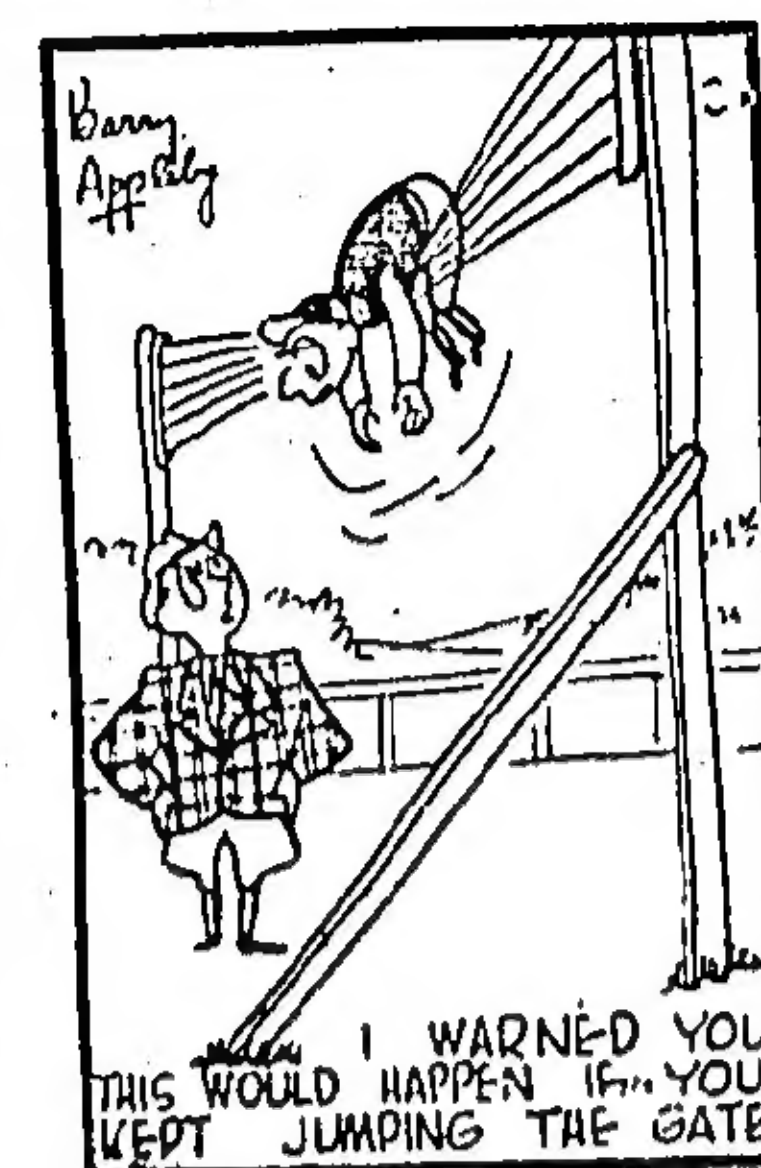
In this race for "D" Class (1st Section), Mastermind (135 lbs) which failed to secure even a place at the last meeting, should redeem himself this time as the distance is more to his liking. Strong opposition will be from Airfield (147 lbs), Bright Season (142 lbs), Kelly (159 lbs) and Rosebud (145 lbs). The other entries are: Al Fresco (162 lbs), Burge (137 lbs), Jackal (140 lbs), Jadestone (149 lbs), Jinx (145 lbs), National Hero (144 lbs) and Richard (159 lbs). The last named pony is on view for the first time. My selection are: Airfield, Rosebud and Mastermind. Outsider: Kelly.

## Shok-O Handicap (2nd Section)

Another close and exciting race should be served up by this second lot of "B" Class sprinters. Argentine Moon (152 lbs), Cooper (151 lbs), Jeep Hing (139 lbs), Masterpiece (155 lbs), Hurricane (155 lbs), Speedway (147 lbs) and Sunshine (147 lbs) look the best, and any of them may win. Flying Arrow (144 lbs), Golden Wheel (144 lbs), Happy Valley (142 lbs), Hol Polio (155 lbs), Red Fox (138 lbs) and Whirlaway (141 lbs) I'm afraid, will be a bit slow against the others. My nomination is Cooper, Argentine Moon and Masterpiece. Hurricane is a good outsider.

## Hongkong St Leger

The field for the Hongkong St Leger over one mile and seven-quarters, will be no more than seven, and



all will be carrying 147 lbs. Shannon (Ostrumoff) will possibly start favourite and this pony at his present form will be hard to beat. Norse Queen (D. Black) the Derby and Champion winner will have to produce his best form to beat Shannon, and most danger is likely to come from Sookunpots (S. W. Tang) which ran very well at the last two meetings. The rest of the field are: Burmaster, Jeep Lee, Thunderbolt and V-J Day. For an outsider chance try Thunderbolt.

## Island Bay Handicap (2nd Section)

This second-last race of the day brings together another lot of "D" Class ponies over six furlongs and, once again, I tip Sunny (147 lbs) to win, though this pony has been boring out very badly at the last two meetings. Emperors Gate (152 lbs) has been disappointing; the punters for several meetings but should show up better this time. Hostile Witness (159 lbs) and Happy Season (146 lbs) are not to be left out of calculation. The others are: Golden Swallow (135 lbs), Lola Sapola (137 lbs), Ruby Star (135 lbs) and Trojan (135 lbs).

## Big Wave Bay Handicap (2nd Section)

The last race of the day is for the "C" Class (2nd Section) and a tussle for the first place is expected to develop among the following: Argus (145 lbs), Blue Peter (135 lbs), Canary (153 lbs), Kissfisher (150 lbs), Kookaburra (137 lbs) and Tunny (152 lbs). Personally I expect Canary to win with Tunny and Kissfisher taking the minor places. Keep an eye on Argus as this pony is in the pink of condition. The probably starters are: Eastern Diamond (154 lbs), Fat Choy (154 lbs), Flying Wheel (148 lbs), Honey-belle (136 lbs), Midnight Express (149 lbs), and Souvenir (136 lbs).



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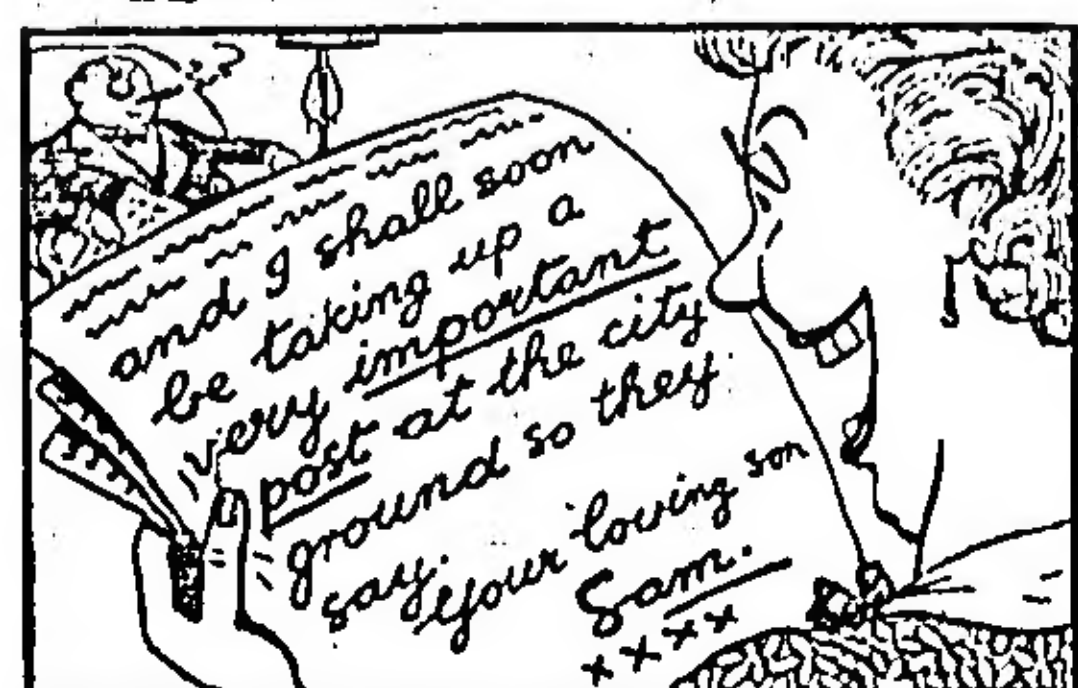
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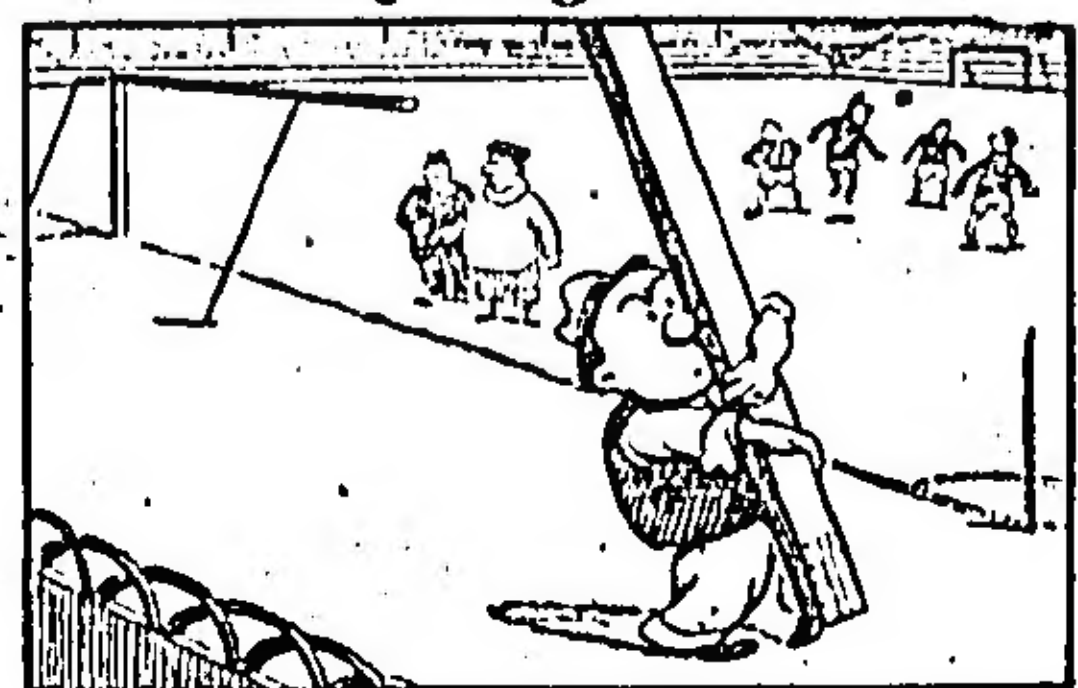
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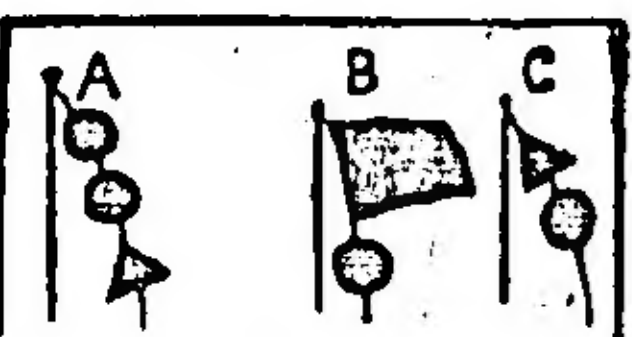




## Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. The Latin epitaph in St Paul's Cathedral: "If you seek this monument, look around," is that of—  
Sir Richard Whittington, John Stow, Sir Christopher Wren, Grinling Gibbons, Sir William Walworth?
2. Who made these songs famous—  
Hot Tripe and Onions, Botted Beef and Carrots, Hot Meat Pies, Savoyards and Trotters?
3. If you were going at a testudinal pace you would be moving—  
At a snail's pace, like a tortoise, by leaps and bounds in a series of short runs?
4. Signals at sea. Do you know what they mean?



5. How many General Elections have been held in Britain in the last 20 years—  
Three, four, seven, eight, ten?
6. In what sports are these terms used—  
"Bully-off," "chukka," "puck," "scrummage"?
7. Who did make a habit of sleeping on a clothes line—  
Tramps, tight-rope walkers, railway passengers, cat burglars, wet blankets?
8. Which is the greater of these figures—  
Highest mountain, or the greatest known ocean depth?
9. Would you find a conchologist—  
On the sea shore, under a chestnut tree, in a surper, in a belfry?
10. What is a mugwump—  
Average person, fool, great chief, servant?

## "Flying Hairpins" Are Dangerous

Mount Vernon (Illinois) school-boys will have to stop shooting hairpins at people by order of Police Chief Verner Pigg.

"A man and woman have been injured by the flying hairpins," the chief said. "This dangerous practice must stop immediately before someone loses an eye."

Meanwhile, the hairpin business is booming. One store reported the youngsters bought 75 packages of hairpins in one day, and several stores have been sold out.

# WHAT'S BEHIND THIS AIR MUDDLE

By BASIL CARDEW

TO help those bewildered by the two post-war years of criticism, delays, slanging, denials, counter-denials and costly chaos which punctuate the sad tale of Britain's bid at long-distance air transport, I present the subject under four short chapters:—

## CHAPTER 1

### The Heart of the Problem

AT the end of the war we had concentrated the whole of our aircraft production on bombers and fighters, and had left transport planes to the Americans.

But in 1943 the Brabazon committee of experts, unable to interfere with our bomber campaign, decided there should be two British airliners as an interim measure. These were to use the wings, engines and installations of the latest development of the Lancaster bomber, fitted with a large round fuselage. Thus the Tudor I, and Tudor II, came into being—as peacetime civilian modifications of the Lancaster.

But the round fuselage altered the whole construction of the plane. It produced new aerodynamic problems and more fundamental snags than anyone thought possible. The year 1945 went by; then 1946; even half-way in 1947—and still no paying passenger has ever been carried in a Tudor.

Was there any other way out of the difficulty? The obvious one was to buy American planes—such as the Constellation. This was no real solution (a) because it was a costly item in dollars; (b) even more important, you cannot build up national prestige in aviation by buying another country's aircraft.

Nevertheless, Britain did buy aircraft from America to get them going on the Atlantic run. Meanwhile the Government put all its eggs in the Tudors for fast long-distance land-plane service.

From the start—and all the time—there has been friction between the plane makers, the people who are to run them, and the people who order them—the Ministry of Supply.

## CHAPTER 2

### The Makers' View

FIRMS that during six years of war had proved they could design and build the best warplanes in the world claim that their civil planes were criticised and sneered at before ever they reached the assembly stage.

They found that specifications agreed to by the Ministry of Supply were constantly faulted by the airline technicians, whose world services were to use them. The ceaseless demands for alterations held up production, discouraged the workers and made the original delivery dates a joke.

The makers feel that they have been caught between the Ministry of Supply, who gave the orders, and the airlines, which have to run the planes. Sir Roy Dobson put their case when he said about the Tudor:

"There has been more spent on alterations and messing about than there has been on actual production of the aircraft. It is not just a question of alterations but it is the never-ending stream of them. The planning people and the technical staffs are not going to tell their new bosses they have made a hash of things. As far as they are concerned the same policy has got to be carried on."

## CHAPTER 3

### The Operating Companies' View

MORE than anything, the operating airline companies resented the Government-imposed edict that their airlines should be ordered through a single agent—the Ministry of Supply. They resented not being allowed to contact the makers direct in selecting, ordering, and approving the machines. They objected to having prototypes approved by the Ministry at a basic price and then, after delivery delays, finding the cost to them had increased considerably beyond that agreed price.

The next best step was to send their technicians to the factories to keep an eye on the planes in construction.

IT IS THE CLASH BETWEEN THE AIRLINE TECHNICIANS AND THE AIRCRAFT MAKERS WHICH HAS PRODUCED THE TUDOR FLARE-UP.

## CHAPTER 4

### What is the next move?

EXPRESSED brutally, the next immediate move is easy. "We must go on using American aircraft as at present."

But what does emerge from all this present squabbling is the obvious need to learn from it all the lessons we can, and thereby avoid the same disastrous deadlock occurring again.

The problem is not easy. It is not a straight case of black versus white—a fact which is sometimes forgotten by the people who point to America and say: "That's the way to get good airliners."

Nevertheless, there is a growing volume of opinion which believes that the American system is better than ours.

Fundamentally, the difference between the two is this:—

In the United States the private airlines deal direct with airplane manufacturers. The usual system is that, having approved a design, the airline places an order—subject to the prototype proving satisfactory.

This stimulates the maker in two ways: (a) he has the "boost" to morale which comes with a big order; (b) he must satisfy the customer—and quickly.

Here in England, as I have explained, three different voices have to be heard—and the least effective voice at the birth of a plane comes from the people who have to run it in the end.

Therefore just now you hear among airline operatives loud support for dispensing with the Ministry of Supply and allowing direct contact between user and seller. Indeed, these people argue that no more committees are needed as there is already in existence the Committee of Chairmen—comprising the heads of all three British airlines.

Our system is defended by the Government because it argues, no British aircraft builder can afford to build a prototype with the risk that it won't ring the bell and get the order.

WELL, there is the deadlock. The Tudor controversy is only illustration of a fundamental clash.

My own view is that in the end the Tudors will not be used for passenger traffic on the main trunk routes.

If I am right they should be preserved as a warning—the costliest imaginable—of how to lose prestige in the air.

## Labour point of view

ERNEST THURTELL, M.P.

SOME achieve repose. Some have repose thrust upon them, as in the case of Mr Arthur Greenwood.

In Labour circles the news of his exclusion from the Government was received with mixed feelings. It may well be, I think, that Arthur was no longer equal to the exacting responsibilities of high office in a time of crisis, and in such a case sympathy for the individual must take second place to the larger general interest.

Yet he has done so much for the party, has been so lovable and loyal a figure in the movement, invariably cheerful and devoid of rancour, that his removal from office evokes regret.

There can be no doubt that the Prime Minister, as he himself confesses, found this bowler-batting of an old friend and colleague (who, but for electoral misfortune in 1931, might indeed be standing in the premier place today) a truly distasteful business.

THE appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps as Minister of Economic Affairs has been well received. Labour's view is that he is the right man in the right place, and the fact that the post has been created is welcomed as evidence that the machine for planning our economy is in process of construction.

Sir Stafford has achieved a reputation for realism and thoroughness, and he has a persuasive way with the recalcitrant, which is not the least of his merits in getting things done.

ENLARGED responsibility has come to him at a trying time, when he will have to contend with some difficulties beyond his control.

Nevertheless, it is results that count, and our new Economic Controller will be judged by these. I recall that in the early days of the Government he told me that he was content to be so judged.

# Mr Pegler Accuses 'Flabby Cockneys'

by BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP

FROM time to time some member of the Government points out, more in sorrow than in anger, that peregrinating Tory M.P.s and business men go to America and let the side down. The charge is that by decrying their own Government they are really selling Britain short.

But it must not be thought that the Americans rely only upon British tourists and lecturers for their impression of the Socialist experiment in Britain. The eminent magazine Life sent Mr Dos Passos to see things for himself, and on his return Mr Passos wrote an article of such astonishing length that one's hand grew weary turning the pages. "Britain's Dim Dictatorship" he called it, and his story of these islands was so minutely that it bordered on the ridiculous.

Yet even the insipid plume of Mr Dos Passos is nothing to the magnificent contempt of Mr Westbrooke Pegler, a columnist of high standing, who writes for 200 newspapers. Not even Sir Waldron Smithers has breathed such curses upon Socialism.

MR. PEGLER begins his indictment by declaring that the TUC, although a small minority of the country, runs the British Government.

According to Mr Pegler the "British Unionist" has learned a little from Hitler, a little from Uncle Joe and a lot from our own Fays and Boves. "I don't know what Fays and Boves are, whether actual names or figures of speech, but we can safely assume that Mr Pegler is against them."

The famous columnist then explains the General Election of 1945 in these terms: "By a conspiracy of conditions the lower orders were so manipulated that they seemed to win an election and the right to try their hand at government. This was a terrible thing for Britain, but no less awful for the working classes than for the aristocracy."

"They became the sponsors of an unbearably flabby, frightened and dejected gang of white-collar Cockneys when the perils and problems called for the finest intelligence, ability, courage and dignity in the Kingdom."

One can almost see Ugh Dalton, Artley Shawcross, Stuffy Cripps and Mister Hattlee dropping attitudes all over the place and trying to pre-tenorise the only bricks the American conviction that Englishmen are divided into dukes and

Cockneys is quite unshakable. My own opinion is that there are not enough Cockneys in the Government, but we shall let that pass.

MR. PEGLER has also this to say: "The experiment was capricious and mad. It was obvious that people educated and trained for generations in the science of government should govern better than a crew of roustabouts. The Unionists had long insisted on the merits of training through apprenticeship. They wouldn't let a navy run a ship, but they had the reckless nerve to bid for the job of running the country and the misfortune to win."

Somewhat overstated—though I see what he means. But Mr Pegler should not rate the intelligence of his readers too low. The principal members of the Government had served five years in Mr Churchill's Coalition, and were not as inexperienced as he seems to think.

Mr Pegler exaggerates the case against the "Unionist." There is a hard core of common sense in the trade union movement, and a sense of responsibility to the nation. It is only when the TUC believes itself to be the Government that it comes within the reach of Mr Pegler's denunciation.

There is, however, one serious charge made by the American columnist which deserves the serious thought of us all. He declares that if any other British Government had "come whining to the TUC" for compulsory direction of workers the Labour movement would have howled for bloody revolution.

Mr Pegler is not the only one who has written and spoken in these terms. Responsible members and supporters of the Government have frequently said that if the Tories had been elected in 1945 there would have been a general strike.

If the Socialists resent Mr Pegler's article as an insult, let them remember that they were the first to accuse Labour of being determined to put itself above the nation.

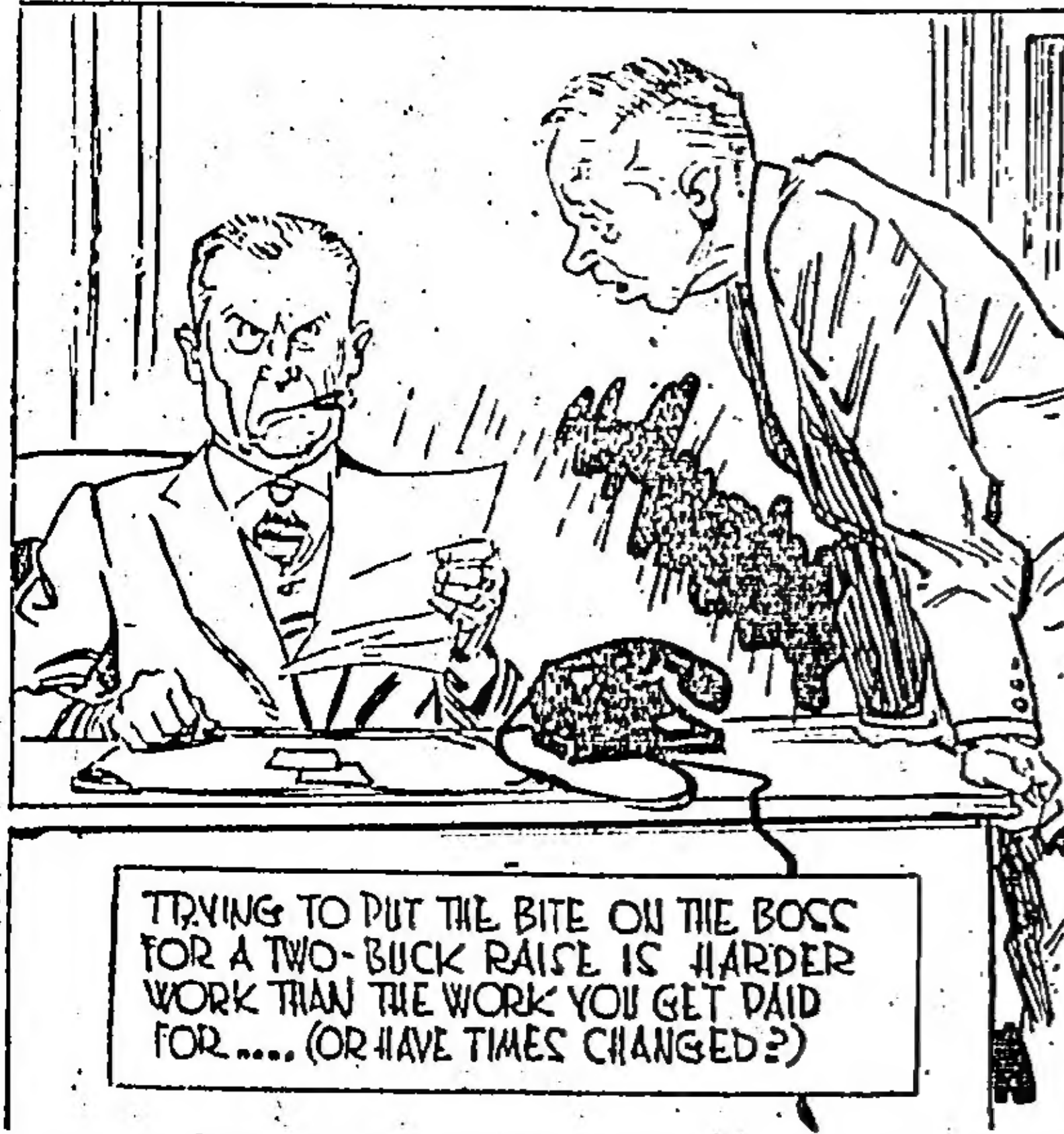
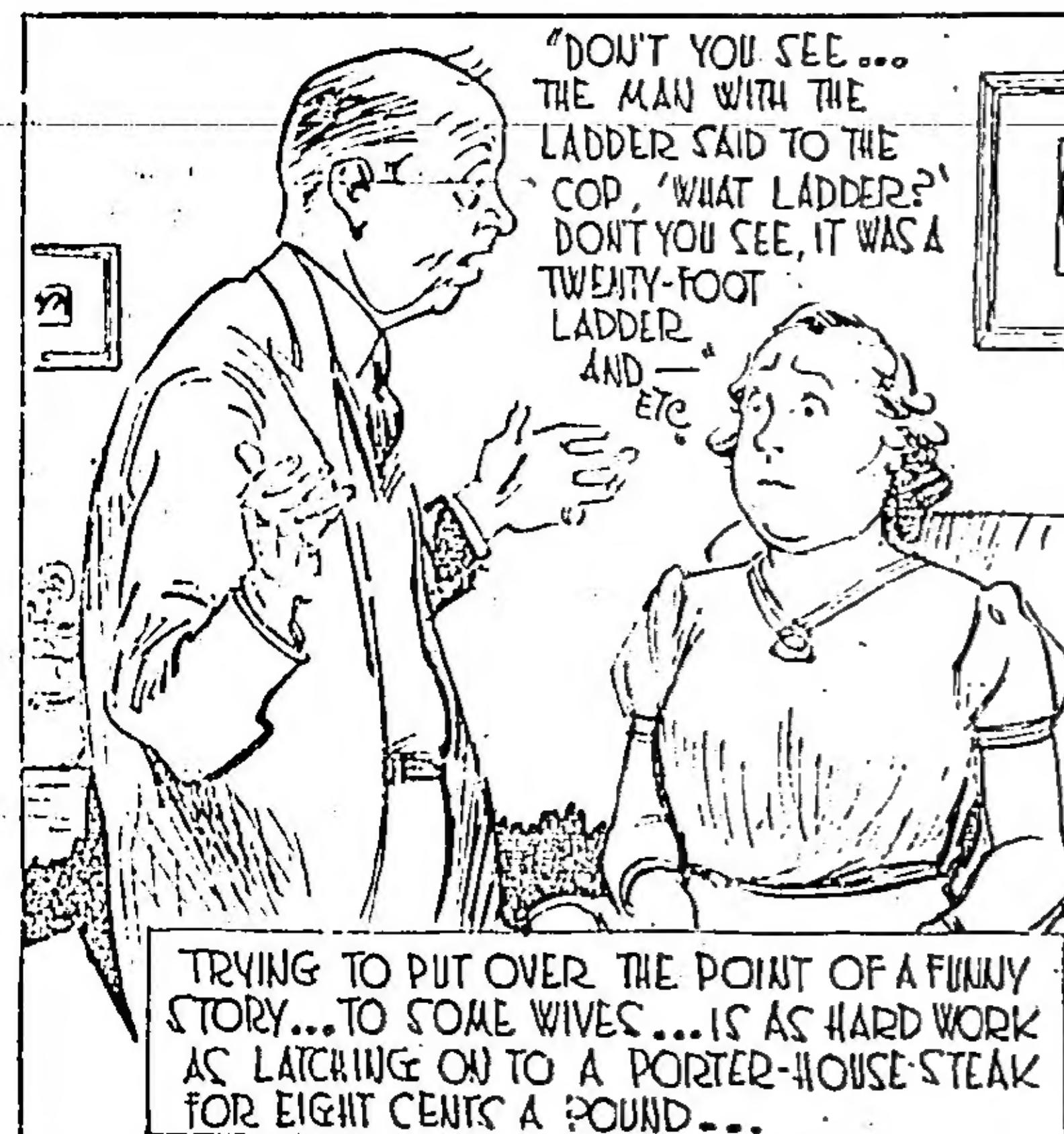
Mr Pegler's article is too blunt, too lacking in nuance, just as the one by Mr Dos Passos was too grim.

But if the Government become angry when a visiting Briton tells the "Wisconsin Women's Debating Society" that Socialism is falling in Britain, let them realise that it is American writers, with immense readership such as that enjoyed by Mr Westbrooke Pegler, Mr Walter Lippmann and Mr Dos Passos who really paint the portrait of Socialist Britain for Americans to gaze upon. And certainly they cannot be accused of leaving out the warts.

# VIGNETTES OF LIFE

## "Hard Labour"

By KEMP STARRETT





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## SEEKING REMAINS OF EARLIEST KNOWN APE

Along a rugged desert escarpment some 50 miles southwest of Cairo, where erosion has exposed age-old alluvial deposits containing many fossils, the University of California's African expedition has begun a search for fossil remains of *Propliopithecus*, the earliest known ape, which some scientists consider a possible ancestor of man.

## NEW CAREER FOR BUSTER KEATON

Buster Keaton, "The Great Stone Face" of silent films, has found himself a bright new career at 52. He has become a circus performer.

In an act in which he fights a ridiculous sword duel, the sad-eyed and solemn-faced comedian has been drawing capacity crowds to the circus where he does a two-day routine in a little street in the Montmartre district of Paris.

### Routine Still Good

He said that his old "non-smiling routine" is still as good as it was in the States.

"I found out 40 years ago that people stopped laughing at me if I smiled," he said. "Chuck Reisner and Irving Thalberg at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer both tried to figure out how I could smile in a picture. I tried it, but preview audiences didn't like the change and we took it out of the pictures."

Keaton said that he works for one reaction from the audiences. "All I want," he said, "is for them to look at me and say to themselves, 'Look at that dope!'" —Associated Press.

## ARE YOU SURE? ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9

1. Sir Christopher Wren. 2. Harry Champion. 3. Like a tortoise. 4. (a) Pilot wanted; (b) and (c) signals of distress. 5. Four (1920, 1931, 1935, 1945). 6. Hockey, polo, ice hockey and hurling. Rugby football. 7. Tramps, who slept supported by rope stretched across room. 8. Charge—10. a night. 9. Greatest known ocean depth, 35,410 ft., Pacific, off Mindanao. Highest mountain, 29,411 ft., Everest. 9. On the sea shore, he studies shells. 10. Great chief, an American-Indian word.

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

Across: 1 and 4 Down. Underworld; 5, Sap; 7, Paragon; 10, Suave; 11, Reck; 12, Ignoble; 13, Trulent; 14, Rara; 15, Lep; 20, 1 Down; 23, Doom; 24, Ewe; 25, Torso; 26, Neuritis.

Down: 1 and 20 Across, Upside down; 2, Naught; 3, Drant; 4, Ser 1 Across; 6, Pekin; 8, Needless; 9, Scream; 13, Orant; 14, Borden; 17, Aero; 18, Plus; 21, Own; 22, Wee; 24, E.C.

## He smashed the Portland Vase



ON February 7, 1845, there occurred in the British Museum an act of vandalism that shocked the art world.

The priceless and beautiful Portland Vase, over 1800 years old, was smashed to pieces by a man named William Lloyd.

In a drunken frenzy, Lloyd picked up a stone and hurled it at the vase. Attendees rushed up to find the vase and case in fragments on the floor.

Through a legal anomaly, Lloyd could only be fined £3 for smashing the vase. Unable to pay, he went to prison but was released a few days later when somebody paid the fine for him.

It is difficult now to tell that the vase ever was smashed, due to the painstaking work of Mr. Doubleday, a museum craftsman, who spent years restoring it.

The vase, dating from about AD 200, was found in an old coffin near Rome in 1582.

It passed through several hands until it became the property of the Duke of Portland. In 1929 it was put up for sale, but it was withdrawn after a final bid of 29,000 guineas.

## WORLDSTAMP CENTRE PLAN CRITICISED

A proposal to establish an official international philatelic centre in Switzerland, where postal authorities of all countries could put their own stamps on sale to collectors throughout the world, is being criticised in Geneva as state competition with private enterprise.

The suggestion was first made by Poland at the International Postal Union's conference in Paris last May. The Polish delegation proposed Switzerland as the site for such a centre, as being the country with the best international commercial connections.

The Hungarian post office has already opened an office for the sale of its postage stamps in Bern, the Swiss capital, and Swiss stamp dealers are protesting against what they contend is governmental trading in competition with their own businesses.

An article in the conservative *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* recently echoed their protests and complained against what it described as "an attempt to place the hitherto free trade in the hands of foreign governments." The main objective of the scheme, the paper suggested, was to enable these governments to trade their postage stamps, of which they could print unlimited quantities, for Swiss francs, at present the "hardest" currency in Europe.

## LONGEST RIDE ON HORSEBACK

Les (Sleepy) Frost and Swede Nilsson, two cowboys from British Columbia, claimed a world's record recently for the longest horseback ride—4,200 miles from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The cowboys, beset by an itch to do something different, began the ride 17 months ago. They bunched down for the winter in Winnipeg, so the actual ride time was seven and a half months. The trip ended when they opened their saddlebags at the Halifax waterfront on October 15 and poured bottles of Pacific water into the Atlantic to symbolise national unity.

They financed the trip by selling postcards and singing Western ballads in theatres and radio stations on the way.

They are going to ship the weary horses back—and go home by train.

—Associated Press.

# If you ever bought a house—read this

MR. BLANDINGS BUILDS HIS DREAM HOUSE.

by Eric Hodgins.  
(Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.)

PEOPLE to whom "Awful Things" happen are always good for a laugh. How near is laughter to pity. How often are the funniest clowns seriously, grotesquely, involved in human misfortune. The pathos of Charlie Chaplin when he is not preaching. The mishaps of Hardy, the frustrated action of Laurel. The social catastrophes of Bertie Wooster.

Clown-pathos is a steady ingredient in American humour. The Blandingses are a particularly good example of it. Mr. Blandings writes advertising copy in New York. He is a success. Americans always are. He is a frail, likeable human being. Americans often are. He decides to build his dream house. Americans always do.

He buys a tumbledown farmhouse with an ancestry on Bald Mountain. He is the perfect dupe, the complete sucker. His tale is of the city man's longing for the country, true of every civilisation in any period of history.

Sit back and listen to the Blandingses, man and wife, trotting out the plush sentimentalism of their American dream. Then enjoy watching them, the embodiment of every city dude, being made suckers.

This is a nice antidote to the literary success of "How I wrestled with Nature." The Blandingses in all their acrimonious folly are enchanting. Their misfortunes endear them. Take this one up at Mr. Blandings putting down the telephone after receiving the worst of all bad news:

"Mr. Blandings held the suddenly blank, wordless instrument in his hand for a moment as if it had been a kitten run over by a tractor. Then he put it down in its cradle and strode to the sideboard. 'I make it a point not to criticise your drinking habits, even when I do not approve of them,' said Mrs. Blandings.

'but when you tip the bottle up and I can hear it gurgle at least three times, I think I am bound to say that it strikes me as not only unwise, but vulgar.'"

by JOHN  
PUDNEY

A first-rate funny book, this, fiercely illustrated by William Steig, that clever New Yorker funny artist.

THE PURSUIT OF PURPOSE.  
by Raymond English.  
(Falcon Press, 5s.)

A BATION of ideas for every despatched soldier to carry in his knapsack. Mr. English calls it "An Essay on Social Morale."

Do not be put off by the white tiles and frosted glass. Mr. English has written an essay stating in warm and generous terms the problems besetting a young man returning after war service.

He is not a statistical pundit. He realises that it is not economics which have guided the course of the world in our lifetime. He is prepared to look at things in the terms of philosophical and moral values.

I commend it because it is edifying and controversial. It expresses faith in Britain at the time when we need it. It is a book that is an idea in action, moving whimsically and unpredictably, but still with a common meaning and intention, no matter how wayward.

I salute a humble philosopher, possessed of a critical, devastating mind. He annoys me sometimes, but only because he has read more than I have.

THIS IS THE WAY.  
by Geoffrey Cotterell.  
(Eyre and Spottiswoode, 10s. 6d.)

A NOVEL which deals deftly, superficially, maliciously, with similar themes. At the end of World War I, a young soldier returns with a conscience to a suburb. He advocates a Social Centre as a war memorial. He is defeated by snobbery, indifference, prejudice. His ideas are smothered by materialism and a smart snob set.

## NO DIVORCE FOR ADULTERY

"Adultery no longer should be a ground for divorce," a leader of the Democratic Women's League, a Soviet-sponsored Socialist Unity Party organisation for German women in the Soviet zone of Germany, told women at a gathering in Ludwigsburg.

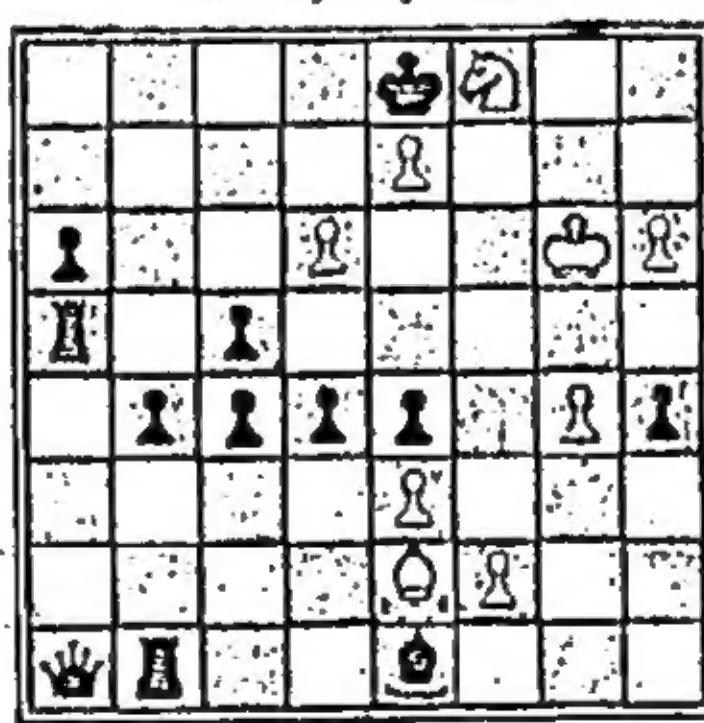
Declaring that "man biologically is destined" to commit adultery, the woman added that "a faithful man either is a liar or an idiot."

At the same time the speaker demanded that sex morality in Germany should be put on a "new basis" just as "religion of the Middle Ages" should be abolished.

—Associated Press.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By M. WROBEL  
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt—R1, any; 2. Q, B (dis. ch.), or P (dis. ch.), mates.

## Rupert and the Three Guides—17



Mrs. Bear is terribly flustered. "Oh, dear, what shall I do?" she moans. "Those pearls were a present from your daddy. I wouldn't have lost them for anything. She bustles round and puts on her jacket and starts off for the village just as a familiar figure approaches on a field path. "Look, mummy, here is daddy," says Rupert. "Why not stay and get him his tea and tell him all about it? I can run back and ask Constable Growler to add your pearls to his list."

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## Skeleton Crossword

### CLUES ACROSS

- Three-quarter of an infant's school trying to make sense out of (two words).
- Quaker on a tip.
- Widen to get twenty-five, apparently.
- Beating way for a bookmaker may about the odds.
- As a ruler he may make a habit of himself.
- Odd thing for a German to say, being short of hooch for his—
- little drink.
- He's positively prehistoric, but
- she's still to be found in Florida.
- Cotton on to it? Quite probably.
- One invention's maternal relative.
- Dam it, you might acknowledge this for a change.
- The girl I met against?
- I'm getting a pal in the ante-lope (four words).
- Hilary—piled up everywhere (four words).

### CLUES DOWN

- Sounds as if it's not us, though we are included.
- Harvey, for example, is only half length.
- The unconcern of a combine of two racehorse trainers, perhaps.
- Mixed traits (anag.).
- Descriptive of one whose memory is particularly good.
- This business, term finished the day before the last of this month.
- His laughter is killing.
- Let you in an old-fashioned way to reconstruct the pier.
- It may be study. Oh, blow it!
- Possibly chimney-sweep.
- Give a dog a bone for a change to make it pay!
- One and—
- the same.
- This sort of will shows an unkind feeling.
- I, for example, have nothing to add.
- Lap up.
- Just the money one might expect to find in a Bengal account.

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♠ 7 6 4 3 2	♥ 9 7 5	♦ A J 10 9 8 5	♣ Q J 10 9 8 5
♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	♥ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	♦ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
Tournament—Neither vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Double
2 ♠	3 ♠	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening—♠ 5. 22			

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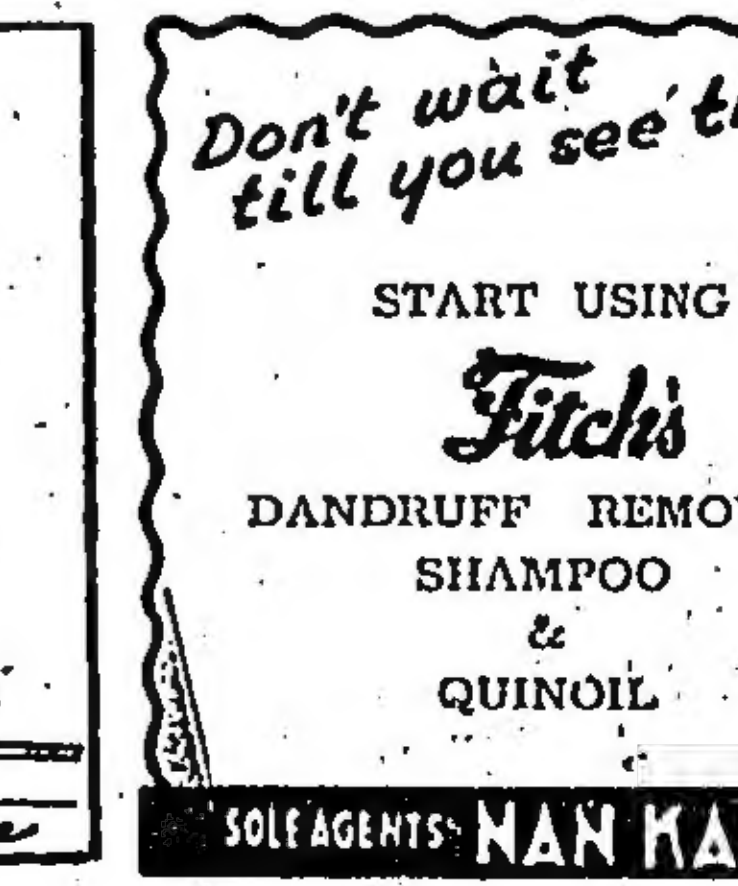
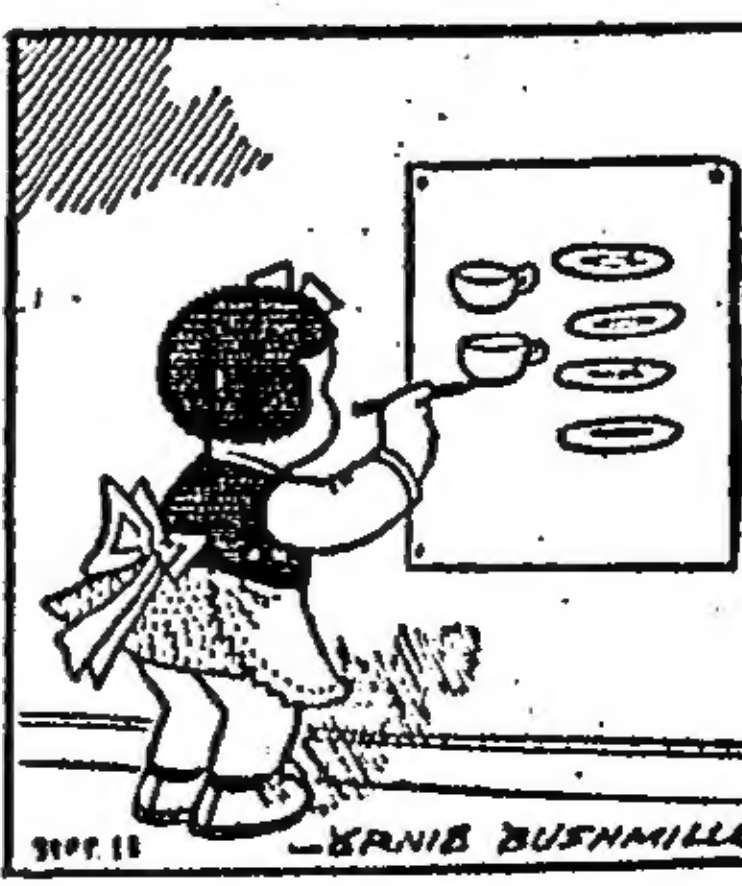
An observing defender defeated the contract on today's hand. Declarer played the queen from dummy on the opening club lead and East won. East did not carelessly return a club. He could count that declarer had no more clubs, and from the bidding, his trump suit should be pretty solid.

East decided to lead up to the dummy's weakness, and so led the nine of hearts. Declarer played low and West won with Jack. West cashed the ace of hearts, on which East played the deuce.

West at first had been a little upset because his partner had not returned a club, but he noticed that East played the nine, and then the deuce of hearts, clearly indicating that he held no more hearts.

Therefore, the only chance to defeat the contract was for West to lead another heart and, hope that East could over-ruff the dummy. East could, and did, for the trick needed to set the contract.

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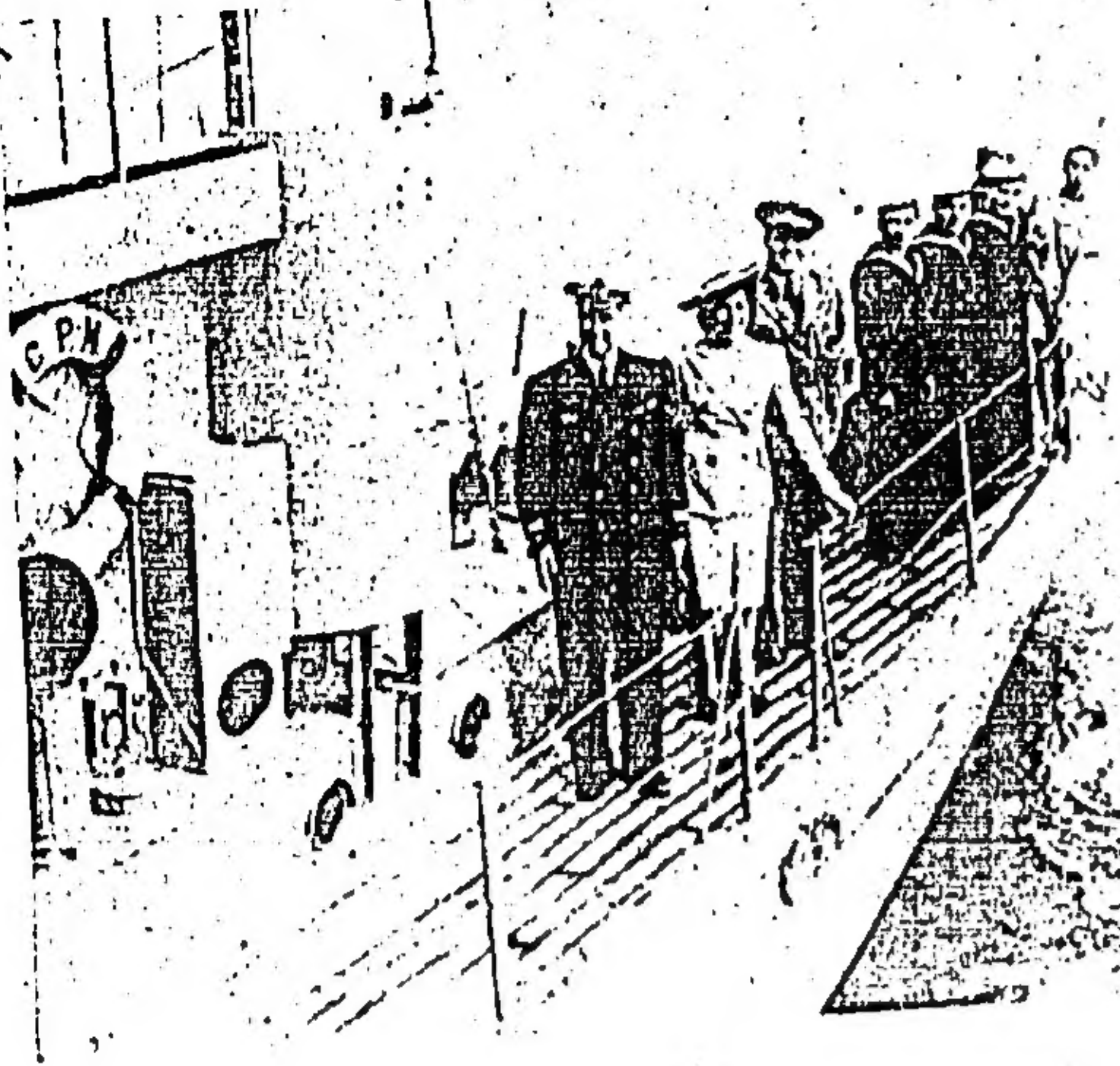
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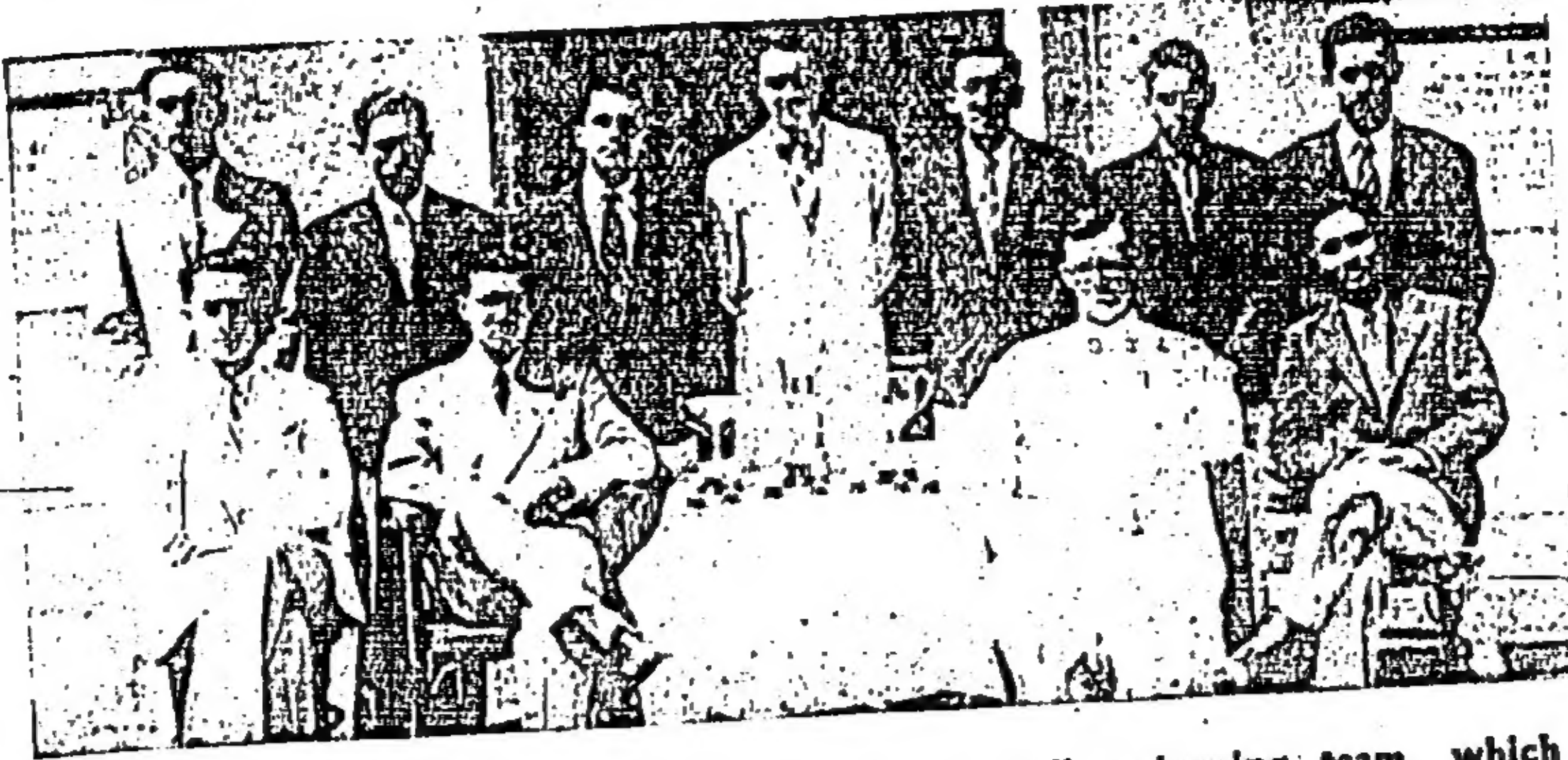
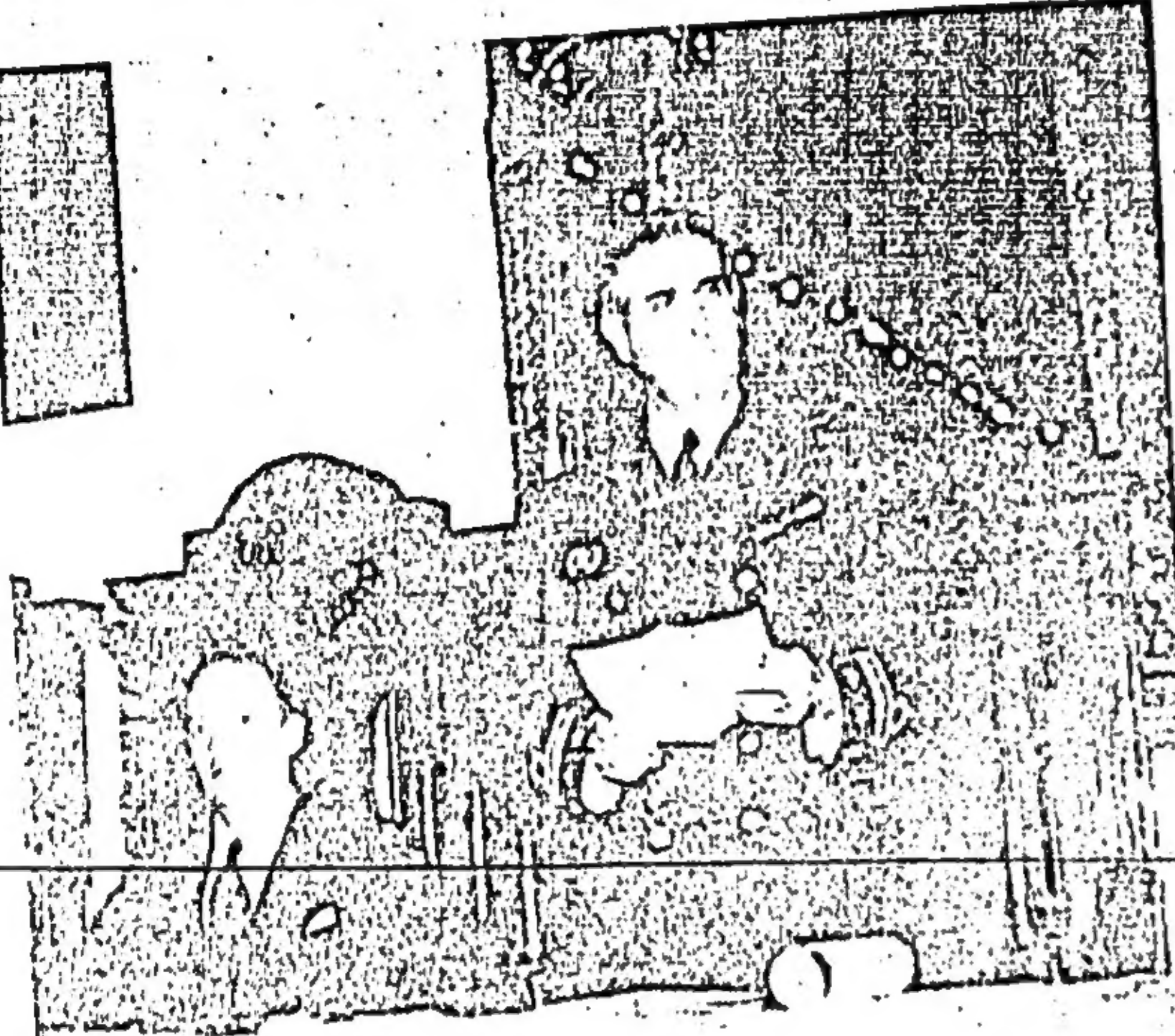
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# TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



**HIS EXCELLENCY** the Governor of Macao, Commander Albano Rodrigues de Oliveira, seen with Senhora Oliveira on board the Portuguese naval launch which brought them to Hongkong on Tuesday, when the Governor paid his first official call to Hongkong. Commander Oliveira spent less than 24 hours here, but found the time to fulfil several official engagements, including attendance at a reception given at the Club Lusitano, at which the new Portuguese Institute was inaugurated. Right: Commander Oliveira speaking at the reception. Beside him is the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Alexander Grantham. (Photos: Ming Yuen)



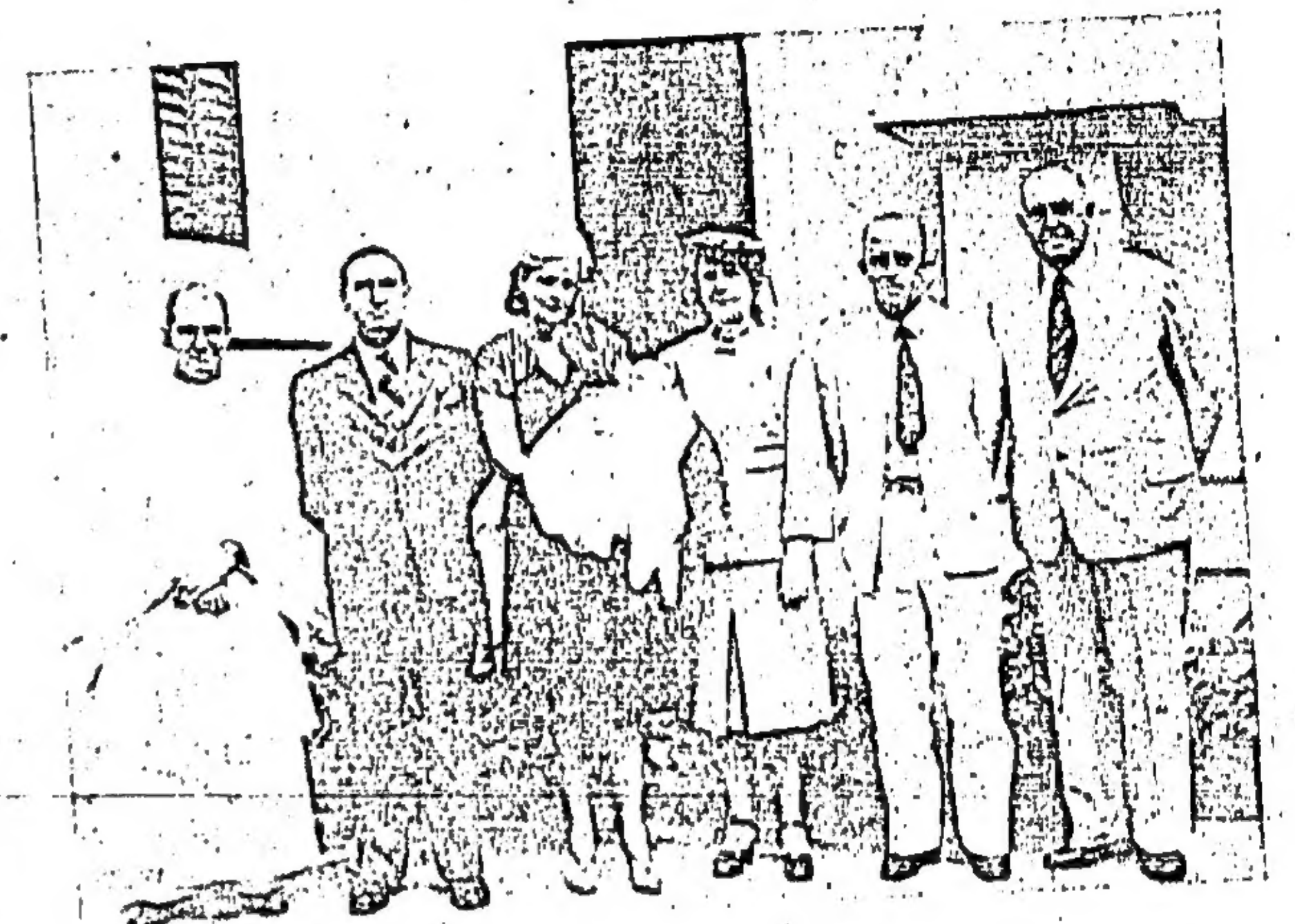
**AQUATIC CHAMPIONS**—Members of the Ricci Hall swimming team, which swept the board in the Hongkong University annual aquatic sports to become the inter-hostel champions for the year, photographed with the trophies which they won. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



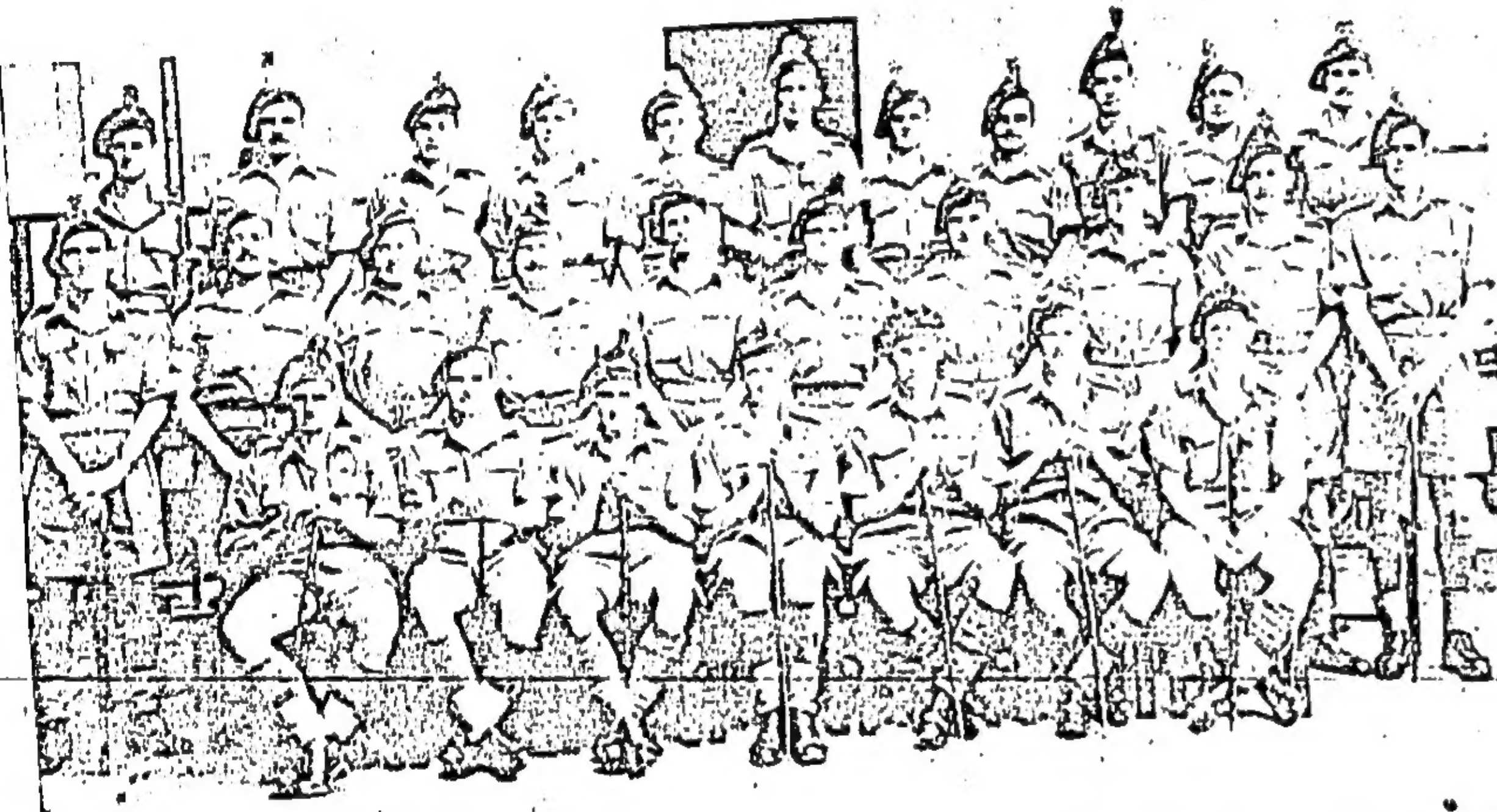
**MR AND MRS W. E. M. LAWE** with their infant daughter, Jennifer, who was christened at St John's Cathedral last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**HALLOWEEN PARTY**—Part of the jolly crowd that attended the gay Halloween party given at the Y.W.C.A. hostel, Macdonnell Road. Games and dancing enlivened the evening. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



**CATHEDRAL CHRISTENING**—Photograph taken outside St John's Cathedral after the christening of James, infant son of Mr J. J. Jolly, Harbour Master, and Mrs Jolly. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**MR LALCHAND WATANMAL**, senior partner of the firm of Watanmal Bhoobhand, speaking at a reception given in his honour in the Hongkong Hotel when he passed through Hongkong last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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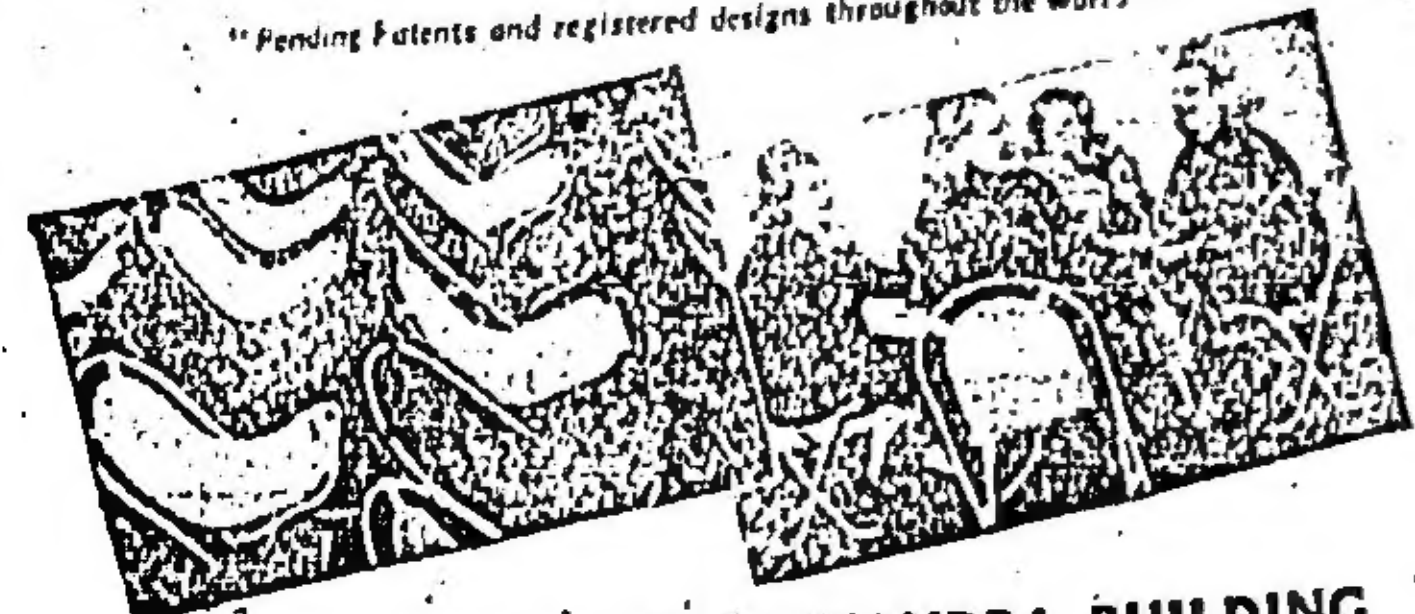
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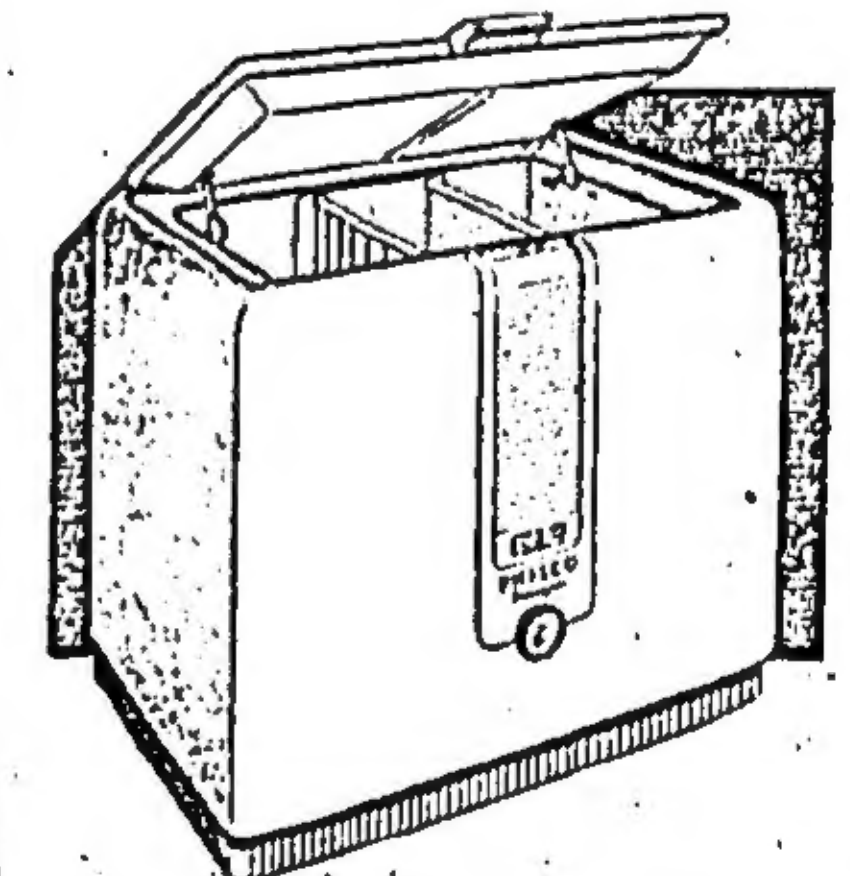
**OFFICERS of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who form a part of the garrison. Seated in centre is the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Colonel J. R. Filmer-Bennett, M.C. (Photo: King's Studio)**



**PICTURE on the right was taken after the recent christening at St John's Cathedral of John Richard, infant son of Mr and Mrs L. D. Kilbee. (Photo: Ming Yuen)**



**REUNION DINNER**—Members of the King's College Old Boys' Association recently held their annual meeting and reunion dinner, when the above photograph was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



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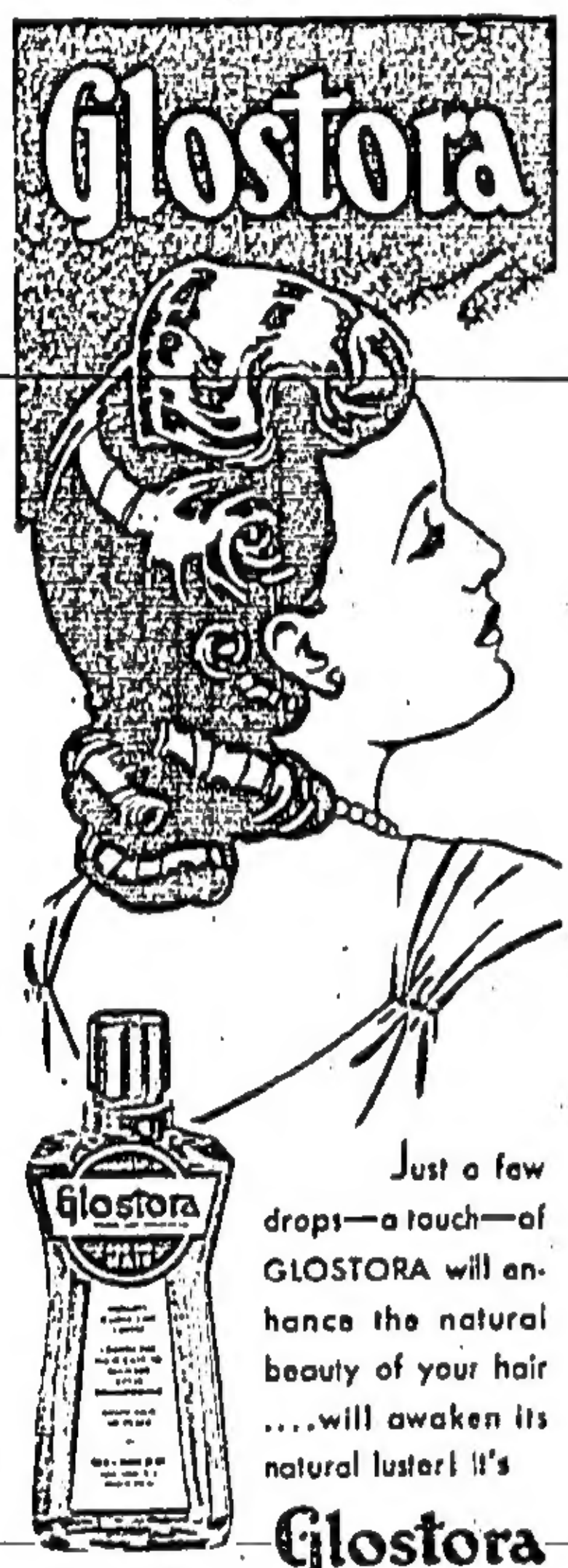
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## PHILIP BECOMES NO. 1 PIN-UP

London, Nov. 7.—Just two weeks before his marriage to Princess Elizabeth, Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten has taken up residence at Buckingham Palace. He has his own rooms on the same floor as the Royal apartments.

As the last days of his bachelorhood ebb away, he is being groomed for his new life as a Prince Consort and is on the spot for day by day discussions of a hundred and one details connected with the wedding.

His successful postwar career as an instructor at the Chief Petty Officer's School at Corham, Wiltshire, ended last week when he was called to London by the King's advisers.

The staff and local residents at Corham saw him go with many regrets, for in the last two years he has made a host of friends in the neighbourhood, particularly among the bowls and skittles enthusiasts with whom he played at the village inn.

Lieutenant Mountbatten's rooms at the Palace were placed at his disposal last July when the engagement was announced. He was travelling about London in a car borrowed from the Royal mews which he prefers to drive himself.

**New Rank and Title**  
It is understood that after his own rank was damaged in an accident recently, Princess Elizabeth urged him to travel to London by train, and he accepted his future wife's request. Since arriving at the Palace, he and the Princess regularly take evening strolls around the Palace gardens.

Within the next two weeks, the King is expected to announce the new rank and title to be conferred on the young naval man, probably that of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Meanwhile, he has risen in public favour to a "Number One Pin-Up" among the thousands of women factory and office workers, and is generally referred to by male Britons as "a decent sort of chap."

The King will decide his future in the Royal Navy, and various sources have been made to him by the First Lord of the Admiralty. Admiralty officials say, however, that Lieutenant Mountbatten will not be entitled to a higher naval rank on the strength of his increased prestige as the Princess's husband.

**Mother's Visit**  
Since he has been a resident at the Palace, he has been visited twice by his mother, Princess Andrew of Greece, who is taking a close personal interest in the final plans for the wedding. He has also been in consultation with his best man, the Marquess of Milford Haven, who, besides being his cousin, has been a close friend since boyhood.

On the evening before the wedding, the two naval officers will go to Kensington Palace as the guest of the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven, Philip's grandmother. They will drive direct from there to the Port's corner at Westminster Abbey for the wedding ceremony, timed for 11.30 a.m.

Lieutenant Mountbatten is reported to be in high spirits.

**Konni Zilliacus To Lecture**  
London, Nov. 7.—Konni Zilliacus, Left Wing Labourite who recently interviewed Premier Stalin, announced today that he would fly to New York on November 14 to take over the lecture tour of Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, who is ill.

He will speak on November 15 in Montreal, November 16 in New York, and later appear in Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago.

The tour was arranged by the American-Soviet Friendship Council.—United Press.

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laughing and joking with members of the Palace Staff assigned to look after him. Yesterday he visited the stables where the Windsor greys are being groomed for the wedding procession.—Reuter.

**Wedding Dress Completed**  
London, Nov. 7.—Princess Elizabeth's wedding dress is finished and ready for the final fitting after 300 girls at Norman Hartnell's, the Queen's dressmaker, had worked on it for two weeks.

The designer himself with five of his fitters was this afternoon at Buckingham Palace giving the Queen her final fitting of a gold and apricot lame dress with a train that she is wearing at her daughter's wedding on November 20.

At the same time Princess Elizabeth was trying on the shoes that she will wear at her wedding and with her going away outfit. They are made by the French shoe designer, M. Rayne.

Sketches of the breath-taking gown and the bridesmaids' dresses were previewed at a secret press showing today.

Princess Elizabeth has had three half-hour fittings and has been asked for any alteration of the slim, gorgeous gown. It is size 14—her measurements are 34 bust, 24 waist. Before she went on the Royal tour to South Africa she was size 16.

Her going away outfit, the only new thing in her wardrobe, has not even been cut out yet—two weeks before the wedding.

Mr. Hartnell's wedding gown sketch on view today is Princess Elizabeth's own choice. She picked it from 12 sketches she asked him to do.

It will only be hers for the day because it will be on display with her wedding gifts at Saint James' Palace before it joins the other Royal wedding dresses in the Victoria and Albert Museum.—Reuter.

**U.S. Admiral And Ships Due On Wednesday**

Preparations have been completed for the Hongkong visit of Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Commander of U.S. Naval Forces in the Western Pacific, and four U.S. Navy vessels, scheduled to arrive here next Wednesday, Royal Navy Headquarters announced today.

Accompanied by the cruiser USS Atlanta and the destroyers USS Rupertus and USS Mason, Admiral Cooke will arrive aboard his flagship, the heavy cruiser USS Estes.

He will be entertained at a dinner at Admiralty House on Wednesday and on Thursday he will honour the Royal Navy with a dinner aboard the USS Estes.

On Friday, he will make a flight over Hongkong. Governor and Lady Grantham will give a dinner at Government House on Sunday.

Admiral Cooke will depart at 9 a.m., Monday, October 17, for Singapore, where he plans to visit from October 21-25. He will return to Naval Headquarters in Tsingtau via Borneo.

Royal Navy personnel will be on hand to entertain the American officers and men during their visit to Hongkong. HMS Adamant will be assigned to look after the Estes, the Gambia to the Atlanta, and the destroyers Comus and Cosack to the Rupertus and Mason.

The trip, in formal and routine, will allow American Navy and Marine personnel an opportunity to visit two of the most important cities in the Western Pacific.

**IN MEMORIAM**

A Memorial Service in honour of the Portuguese War Dead will be held at the Club de Recreio, King's Park, Kowloon, on Sunday, Nov. 9th, at 3 p.m.

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## TARTARESCU SUCCEEDED BY WOMAN

Bucharest, Nov. 7.—The new Rumanian Cabinet Ministers to replace the four Liberals led by M. George Tartarescu, the party leader, and Foreign Minister, who resigned two days ago, were named tonight.

They are: Foreign Minister, Madame Pauker (Communist); Minister of Finance, M. Valde Luca (Communist); Minister of Public Works, M. Gorchulescu (Socialist); Minister of Culture, M. Stancu Stoina (Peasant Party).

The following appointments were also made: Under-Secretary of State for Finance, M. Vasile Madoran (Dis-sidents Peasants Party); Minister of Co-operatives, M. Macoveanu (Communist); Under-Secretary of Public Works, M. Ion Popescu (Socialist).

M. Tartarescu and his fellow Ministers handed in their resignations on Wednesday after a vote in Parliament the previous night when the Cabinet members sought support in opposition to the Government. They received only five votes from 71 Liberal Deputies.

The new Foreign Minister is 52-year-old Anna Pauker, the first Rumanian woman ever to hold a high Government position. Her career as a Communist dates back to 1921. In 1936 she was convicted by a military court on charges of activities contrary to the state's security and spent five years of a 10-year sentence in a women's prison.

She was released in 1940 when the Red Army, then in Rumania, offered to exchange a captured National Peasant Party deputy for Anna Pauker.

She then went to Moscow and throughout the war remained there as an adviser on Rumanian affairs. She returned to Rumania in 1944.—Reuter.

## Wedding Gifts Go Home By Air

The British Parliamentary Mission, which left Hongkong this morning for the United Kingdom by BOAC flying-boat carried with them China's gift to Princess Elizabeth, a beautiful 175 piece porcelain dinner service.

Presented by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, the dinner set was specially made of Kiangsi clay. It was made by Kiangsi Provincial Technical College.

Decorated with dragons, the set which is being transported in three large crates, will serve 25 persons.

The Mission is also carrying to the Princess an ancient Chinese formal court gown made of red silk, the gift of the Chinese people.

## "Tough" Policy Advocated

Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Nov. 7.—Britain and the United States should "get tough" with Russia, Lieutenant-General Sir Giffard Martel, the head of the British Military Mission to Russia in 1943-44, told a Rotary meeting here today.

If Russia were told to "get out of the conquered European satellite countries—or be atom-bombed out!"—she would go without a fight, the General declared.

In the face of such an attitude, the Russians would say: "These chaps have come to their senses." Declaring that the Russians are stood that sort of talk, General Martel added that he did not think anyone would again force the world into a world war.

General Martel, who is 59, became the Commander of the Royal Armoured Corps in 1940, before his assignment to Moscow. He was retired in 1944.—Reuter.

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## EMPHASIS ON MANCHURIAN PROBLEM

Nanking, Nov. 7.—The Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, told the People's Political Council Resident Committee today that the success of the Marshall Plan in Europe may impel Russia to change her policies, it is reliably learned.

Dr. Wang asked the PPC members not to be obsessed with the question of American aid and overlook the Manchurian situation, which he stressed is "even more important than financial and economic aid from the United States."

Dr. Wang said Russia is expected to rally Communist influence in Europe to defeat the Marshall Plan, which, he predicted, will be approved by the special session of the U.S. Congress. He believed that the success of the Marshall Plan will force Russia to re-orientate her attitude towards international politics.

**American Aid**  
Sidetracking the Wedemeyer report and the status of negotiations for American aid, Dr. Wang said that American public opinion displayed a better understanding of Chinese problems, as displayed in the speech of Senator Arthur Vandenberg.

One unconfirmed report quoted Dr. Wang as predicting that the question of American assistance to China might be clarified within two months.

Dr. Wang said the general trend of China today emphasised the urgency of American aid, but "looking far ahead we find another problem even more important." He said that is the problem of Manchuria, and unless it is satisfactorily solved no peace in the Far East and China can be expected.

He said he talked with President Truman and Secretary of State George Marshall in Washington recently on this subject, telling them that China fought Japan, signed the Sino-Soviet treaty, tried to co-operate with Russia and solve the Communist problem by political means just for one purpose—serve the Manchurian state—but despite China's efforts "she is disappointed."—United Press.

## EUROPEANS INJURED

The police disclosed this morning that the two Europeans who were injured in a motorcycle accident which killed one Chinese pedestrian last Saturday were Mr. Patrick Heggarty and Mr. Jeffrey Sless.

Mr. Sless suffered a compound fracture of his left leg and Mr. Heggarty received lacerations to the face and arms. Both are in hospital.

Driving his motor-cycle with Mr. Sless as a passenger, Mr. Heggarty was passing along Queen's Road East near the junction of Ship Street about 9 p.m. last Saturday, when a Chinese stepped in front of the cycle, which knocked him down, killing him instantly.

Sless and Heggarty were thrown to the ground and later picked up unconscious by a passing military truck, which took them to Bowen Road Hospital.

## OUTWARD MAILS

On Monday, November 10, 1947 the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from Pillar Boxes. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
Closing Times By Air

Canton, Kowloon and Chungking, 3.30 p.m.  
Manila, P.I., Honolulu, USA & Canada, 11 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train  
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.  
Macao, Tainan & Shekai (Sea) 8 a.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 1 p.m.  
Macao, Tainan & Shekai (Sea) 1 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Swatow and Hongkong (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Manila, P.I. (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Amoy and Hongchow (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Japan (Ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 4 p.m.

Shanghai, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada) (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hanoi (Sea) 4 p.m.

Calcutta and Ceylon (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Macao, Tainan, Shekai & Hongkong (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**  
Closing Times By Air  
Bangkok, Singapore, Malaya, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 10 a.m.  
Canton, Kowloon, Hankow, Nanking, Shanghai, Kuming and Calcutta, 10 a.m.

Amoy and Tainan, 10 a.m.  
Closing Times By Sea & Train  
Macao, Tainan & Shekai (Sea) 8 a.m.  
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.  
Hongkong, Macao, Tainan & Shekai (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Haiphong (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Bangkok, Hongchow & Calcutta (Sea) 10 a.m.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**  
Closing Times By Air  
Shanghai, 9.30 a.m.  
Manila, P.I., 9.30 a.m.  
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Canton & Luchow, 10 a.m.

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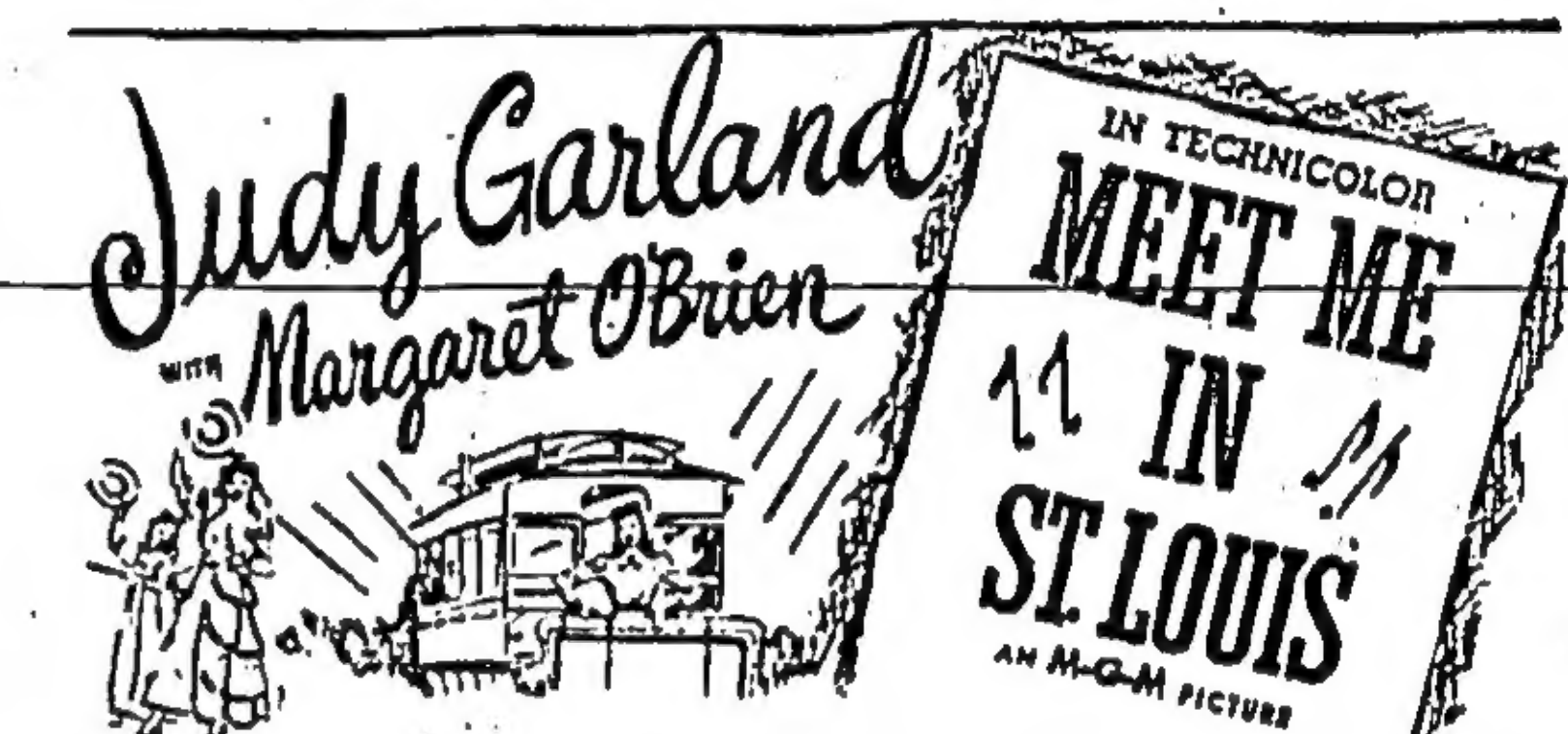
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